

† JULY WORSHIP †

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2010 – PENTECOST VI

9:00 a.m. – Patriotic Hymn Sing

9:15 a.m. – Service of the Word

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010 – PENTECOST VII

9:15 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion

Vacation Bible School Staff Installation

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010 – PENTECOST VIII

9:15 a.m. – Service of the Word

Vacation Bible School Closing Program

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010 – PENTECOST VIX

9:15 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Clark W. Kuntz

† AUGUST WORSHIP †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2010 – PENTECOST X

9:00 a.m. – Hymn Sing

9:15 a.m. – Service of the Word

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010 – PENTECOST XI

9:15 a.m. – Service Holy Communion

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010 - PENTECOST XII

9:15 a.m. – Service of the Word

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2010 - PENTECOST XIII

9:15 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2010 - PENTECOST XIV

9:00 a.m. – Hymn Sing

9:15 a.m. – Service of the Word



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2010 - PENTECOST XV

9:15 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion

From the Pastor:

I recently came across the following and was wondering if you have heard about the **"No Excuse Sundays"** some congregations are having? They send letters to their members that read something like this:

- To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday."
- Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
- There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.
- Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night.
- We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church."
- Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans will be running for those who say it is too hot.
- Score cards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.
- Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner too.
- We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that the church is always asking for money.
- One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.
- Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.
- The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.

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From the Pastor (Continued):

- We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who say the preacher is too loud.

With the summer months upon us, St. Peter's has once again begun the summer worship schedule of one service on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM, now through Labor Day weekend. It is my ardent prayer that this will not be a summer of excuses but one where we gather together as brothers and sisters in Christ to worship and sing God's praises. So, why not plan to come and join us!

**Peace,
Pastor Betty**

Congratulations Confirmands

The following youth having been instructed in the Christian faith and desiring to make public affirmation of their Baptism, were Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010 during the 10:45 a.m. worship service:

***Tyler M. Hein
Patric T. Kramer
Janae A. Matos
Derrick E. Wruble
Tyler R. Young***

† pastoral acts †

... BAPTISM ...

Joshua David Solley

Joshua was baptized on **Sunday, March 14, 2010**. He is the son of Frederick and Patricia (Harvey) Solley. Born September 10, 2009 at St. Luke's Hospital (Allentown Campus). Sponsors: Tracey Ritter and Jose; Rivera.

We welcome Joshua into the Lord's family and pledge our support as he grows in faith.

... FUNERAL ...

Irene M. Brophy

July 29, 1924 – May 4, 2010

We extend our sympathies and offer our prayers to Irene's family and friends.

... WEDDING ...

Cheryl D. Griffith & Joseph J. Chicora, III

Cheryl and Joseph were married here at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on **Saturday, June 5, 2010**.

... VOW RENEWAL...

Danielle (Kershner) & Matthew McKinney

On May 15, 2010, Danielle (Kershner) and Matthew McKinney renewed their wedding vows at the Masonic Temple (Bethlehem) with Pastor Betty officiating.

We pray that God will keep both Cheryl and Joseph and Danielle and Matthew in his light, truth, and love, now and forever.

DEADLINE!

The Newsletter Deadline
For the 'SEPTEMBER' issue
Of the "*Parish Visitor*" is
AUGUST 15

-Congregational Council Highlights -

Highlights from the May 13, 2010 Council Meeting:

- **Council Appointment** – Patricia Halpin has agreed to serve on council and was appointed to serve the vacant three-year term.
- **Treasurer** reported a total of all our assets as of April 30, 2010 of \$304,490.56.
- **Financial Secretary** reported Income for the month of April of \$22,539 (amount includes \$1,345.40 from automated giving).
- **The Finance Committee** noted that our Treasurer has made an arrangement with UGI to save us 12% on our gas bills from July 2010 through July 2011. The office is still waiting to have the office computers updated in order to link all computers for better communication. Former members, Art and Connie Kerr bequest St. Peter's a portion of their estate. Thanks to the Kitchen Ministry Team for their \$6,000 donation to our General Fund.
- **Pastor's Report** – council approved Janice and Frank Schuler as our delegates, they will attend the Synod Assembly with Pastor Betty on June 18-19, 2010. The 2010 Confirmation Class was approved to receive their Affirmation of Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010: Tyler Hein, Patric Kramer, Janae Matos, Derrick Wruble, and Tyler Young.
- **Evangelism Committee** noted that there were approximately 85 baskets at this year's Spring Basket Social which raised \$1,600.
- **Youth Ministry** – Council approved the following requests made by St. Peter's Scouts: Boy Scout Car Wash the same day as the Yard Sale, a Boy Scout Car Wash at Auto Zone on Airport Road on June 12, Girl Scouts hosting a Bake Sale at the Youth

Yard Sale. The Boy Scouts have also signed up to 'clean up' after 11 Iron Pigs Games and will receive \$75 for each clean up.

➤ **Lehigh Mission District** elected a new Dean, The Rev. Martin Milne.

➤ **Church Van** – the counter offer suggested by the council was refused and the interested buyer is no longer interested.

➤ **Building Ground Rules/Policy** has been updated – council each received a copy and will review before approving.

➤ **Summer Office Hours** submitted by the Parish Coordinator were approved to be effective first Friday in June through the first Friday in September. (Fridays 8:30am-Noon).

➤ **Guardian Angel** request from Sally Davis for VBS needs was approved. Council also noted that any 'no designation' amounts received will go towards VBS needs.

Sunday Church School NEWS

Sunday, May 23, 2010, was the last Sunday for Sunday school classes. A 'Closing Program and Award Ceremony' was held in the Old Fellowship Hall with students and family and friends in attendance. Attendance awards were presented to

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STUDENT AWARDS:

Nursery Class:

Natalie Shoemaker

Jacob Williams

K-4/K-5:

Benjamin Pillar

Loralei Burch

Grades 3 & 4:

Nathaniel Donchez

Adult Class:

Bill/Sandy Mason

Harvey/Janet Heckman

TEACHER AWARDS:

Nursery Class:

Jen Dieter

Kim Greb

K-4 & K-5:

Jane Halpin

Grades 1 & 2:

Amanda Wagner

Patti Shoemaker

Grades 3 & 4:

Maryanne Fullman

During the 'Closing Program and Award Ceremony' gifts were presented to the following Sunday school teachers:

Nursery: Jennifer Dieter, Kim Greb, and Lisa Hein.
K-4 & K5: Jane Halpin, and Dale Wagner
Grades 1 - 2: Amanda Wagner and Patti Shoemaker
Grades 3 - 4: Kim Luybli and Maryanne Fullman
Grades 5 - 6: Dave Silliman
Adult Class: William Mason

Appreciation gifts were also presented to our faithful substitute teachers:

Sally Davis, Peggy Fuller and Gary Trively.

Gifts were also presented to ...

Janet Heckman (Music)
Gordon Fuller (SCS Assistant)
Gail Petrisky (Parish Secretary)

V. B. S. 2010

July 12-16

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Baobab Blast Vacation Bible School is almost here!
We've created a week of adventure, activities, and learning ... all we need to complete this celebration is **YOU!**

Come and enjoy the rhythm of the African savannah, make new friends, and be part of God's Great Get-Together.

Be a part of Baobab Blast, July 12-16. We will have a special closing celebration on Sunday, July 18 at the 9:15 a.m. worship service. I hope the congregation will come and support all the people who have worked hard to make the week a success.

Our COMMUNITY PROJECT this year is to bring food in for the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank. Some examples of items we will be collecting are: cereal (hot/cold), peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables/fruits, canned meats (tuna, chicken, beef stew, chili), pasta and pasta sauces.

CURRENT NEEDS: Youth who have completed 7th grade and adults to help, Also, monetary donations to help pay for supplies, curriculum and food for our snacks and lunches.

- Guardian Angel Program -

The Guardian Angel Program at St. Peter's was established to help alleviate pressure on our budget.

Place your 'Guardian Angel' donation in a pink designated envelope ... designation your gift and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the office.

Guardian Angel Wish List:

Any Amount Accepted:

Donations needed towards cost of ...

**... Vacation Bible School Projects
curriculum, crafts, lunches.**

- ... St. Peter's Pre-School Programs
- ... Nursery School Tuition Scholarships
- ... Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank
- ... Major Maintenance Fund
- ... Music for Special Services

... Holiday Card Ministry to our homebound members

(i.e. Easter, Valentine's Day, Christmas)

\$ 10.00 Donation: Worship Memorial: Sunday Worship Bulletin

\$ 20.00 Donation: Worship Memorial: Altar Flower Sponsor

\$175.00 Donation: Sponsor one issue of the "Parish Visitor"

Thank You to the following Guardian Angel Donors:

~ **Gifts as of June 20, 2010** ~

Sunday Church School (2) *LeRoy/Rose Betz*

**Special Music *Placed in Honor of Janet Heckman by
Richard and Paula Skelly***

**V.B.S. *Susan Davenport, Ruth Faust, Jean Roche,
Doug/Deb Sarbaugh, Richard/Paula Skelly,***

Gary/Cindy Trively, Sandra Wolf

Worship Bulletins *Dale/Amanda Wagner*

**General Fund Donation *of \$6,000 was made by St.
Peter's Kitchen Ministry Group.***

NOTE: Congregation Council has decided that all monies contributed as a 'Guardian Angel' up to Sunday, July 11 will be designated to Vacation Bible School.

Thank You to all our Donors!

CONGRATULATIONS . . . GRADUATES!

The following 2010 graduates were recognized at our 9:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 13.

High School:

James Borger

Lauren Buskirk

Melissa Donchez (Catasauqua High School)

Melissa was awarded High Honors, and received two varsity letters for Field Hockey. She plans on attending Moravian College in the fall.

Kaitlyn Miller

Joshua Wilson

College:

Robyn A. Davenport (Towson University, Maryland)

Robyn received a degree in Masters in the Art of Teaching (M.A.T. – Elementary Special Education) and plans to work in a public Middle School in Maryland.)

Danielle (Kershner) McKinney (Penn State University)

Danielle Graduated in December 2009 with a Degree in Kinesiology. Danielle plans to pursue a degree as a Physicians Assistant.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

Scholarship money is available to members of St. Peter's attending an **ELCA related college.**

To Qualify:

... you must be an **active member** of St. Peter's and must be a 'full-time matriculated student.'

... **Eligible applicants** should send a letter addressed to the Congregation Council requesting that they be considered for scholarship money. Scholarship awards will be made in time for second semester expenses.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Swim Party July 25

All youth – Confirmation Class and older – are invited to attend a Youth Swim Party on **Sunday, July 25 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.** at the Sarbaugh's.

For more information and/or directions, see Debbie or Doug or call the church office.

St. Peter's Bike/Walk/Picnic for Hunger:

All members of St. Peter's are invited to participate in our **Bike/Walk and Picnic for World Hunger** on **Sunday, August 15 from 11:30 a.m. to dusk at Bicentennial Park** in East Allen Township. This event is open to all members of St. Peter's (Youth and Adults).

Cost is 10 canned food items OR \$10 per person. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs start at 11:30 a.m. and the cover dish supper will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Ten mile bike and two mile walk event starts at noon. Plenty of activities throughout the day including a waffle ball game (youth versus adults), kids activities and balloon toss. Bring your friends and family for a fun-filled afternoon. All proceeds benefit the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank.

For more information contact Jose'/Jen Matos or Doug/Deb Sarbaugh or call the church office.

St. Peter's PRE-SCHOOL PATTERN

Our last regular school day, Thursday, May 27 was, also, our 7:15 p.m. Closing Program with graduation for ten Pre-Kindergarteners in the Church Nave with refreshments following in the east narthex. We've outgrown the Old Fellowship Hall! It was hot and humid, so everyone appreciated the larger air-conditioned space. Almost all of the two and three year olds and their families attended. The two year olds sat with Ms. Cathy at the foot of the chancel area, the three year old class sat on the carpeted steps and the Pre-K class on chairs on the front of the chancel. Pastor Betty helped supervise the early birds in the library while we were putting on graduation hats, and after the procession, offered the opening prayer. The classes presented finger plays, a song, and story poems, "*Peanut Butter and Jelly*" and "*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*" (a few older children joining us for this popular, fun book). All students received a certificate, and the graduates received a gift book, as well.

For an exciting science project, we bought five butterfly larvae (mail order caterpillars with food), which took a bit longer to become chrysalides than anticipated. Four butterflies-Painted Ladies-emerged the last two days of school and have only a month-long lifespan. We fed them sugar water on a carnation flower and small slices of watermelon in their cage. They could stay in the net-cage indefinitely, but we wanted to release them, which we did Friday morning, May 28. Several children came to watch. One butterfly flew to the top of the parsonage and almost to the top of the church before flying away. The fifth butterfly did not emerge until after the children had left; butterflies must dry their wings for two hours before release, so I was extremely happy that Lorelei and Julia Burch and their parents came late that afternoon to release it. It stayed under a bush in the yard next to the parish house. We left the watermelon slice out for it. Thanks to Pastor Betty, Gail Petrisky and Sarah Forstoffer for their research and assistance. Each student colored a circle egg and a caterpillar picture, stuffed and decorated a small brown bag for a chrysalis, and colored and mounted a butterfly adults.

I hope you saw our beautifully decorated ceiling and hallway! Not only butterfly art, but our favorite artist to imitate, Jackson

Pollock, was represented. It's quite messy, but a lot of fun to splatter paint outside.

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St. Peter's Pre-School (Continued):

We asked the parents of our students for donations for St. Peter's Yard Sale after reading "*Too Many Toys*". Very few toys, some baby and toddler items and clothing were donated. Along with a few playroom items, we netted about \$60. Leftover items were donated to charity.

Pastor Betty talked to each class about prayer and had a little prayer booklet for each child to take home. Mr. Fuller brought tools - '**Tt**'. It's fun to see our bodies' electricity on the meter. The girls always move the meter higher!! Mr. Dan showed and played his violin '**Vv**'. We had an interesting animal program at the Lehigh Valley Zoo - '**Zz**', saw and touched a few animals before free time with our families. Thank **YOU** for making our very important and interesting program possible for children and families in our area.

Angels - '**Aa**' begin this September. So, if you have any angels or angel pictures, beach '**Bb**' - or clown - '**Cc**' pictures to count and discuss how they are alike or different - we'd love to borrow them. Nothing too fragile, please! We'll return them by the end of September. (It's good to do something different each year.) Mr. and Mrs. Allen from Allentown will be special guests for our **Aa** celebration. Hopefully, they like apples and animal crackers.

We're still collecting Campbell's label points for equipment. Please drop them off in the office or place in the box on the east narthex table. Thank you.

Peggy Fuller. Director
610-432-3409



ST. PETER'S PRE-SCHOOL
is now accepting applications for the
2010-11 School Year

Structured Classes for 3 and 4 year old children
and a Drop-In Center for 2 year old children.

Call the church office for more information 610-432-8762.

Thank You From ...

... **Allentown Rescue Mission** - received a thank you for our volunteering to be a '**Wing and a Prayer**' sponsor for their recent 'Chicken Feed' fundraising event.

... **Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank** expressed their thanks for our recent donation of \$49.00.

... **United States Department of Commerce** sent a letter of appreciation to St. Peter's for our contribution of 'space' to train and test U. S. Census Workers.

... **AARP Tax Aide Program** - a letter was received from the AARP Tax Aide Site Coordinator, Marty Cottrell - he expressed his thanks to St. Peter's for the use of our facility during tax season (February 4-April 15, 2010). During that time, the tax aides were able to serve 265 clients. He also thanked everyone here who made the tax aides and clients feel comfortable and welcome.

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St. Peter's 'Old Fashioned'

St. Peter's Evan. Lutheran Church
1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA

Church Bazaar

Saturday,
October 23, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Homemade Crafts
Floral Arrangements
Door Prizes
Full Lunch Menu
Homemade Pies
Bake Sale

Note: Members of St. Peter's will have a first-come-first-serve preference when reserving their space. Members need to respond by September 7 - after September 7, spaces will be opened to the public. Call the church office to reserve your space(s).

♥ SOCIAL MINISTRY IN ACTION ♥

♥ Social Ministry is a year round activity and there are a few things to bring to your attention:

♥ 'PETER'S PRODUCE'

We are again asking members to bring in their garden 'overflow' on a Sunday morning and place the items in the tub in the east narthex.

Members attending church that morning will have the opportunity to take whatever they need - donations for the items may be placed in the box provided. Any items remaining will be taken to the food bank and the money collected will be

donated to the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank.

♥ **THANK YOU ...**

... **Thank you Glen Wessner and Ben Piller** for delivering the food collected to the food bank.

♥ **COOKIES for the Blood Bank ...**

... Our **Miller/Keystone Blood Bank Cookie Program** is still going strong. Cookies should be placed in the kitchen on the Sunday before the first Monday of each month. **(July 4 and August 1). Thank you.**

♥ **IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS...**

... **The committee welcomes** ideas, suggestions, and comments in regards to any of the Social Ministry sponsored programs and/or appeals. Contact either Sandy or Bill Mason, Sandra Wolf, or Kathy Miller, who all serve under the guidance of Pastor Betty.

Bill and Sandy Mason
Co-Chairpersons
Social Ministry Committee

BLOOD BANK REPORT

As of May 31, 2010 - Number of Donors..... 94
Annual Quota..... 18 ... Donations to date **23**

Special thanks to our Donors ...

**April: Karen Allen, Marianne Blaschak, Gary Trively,
and Raymond Yohe.**

May: Mark Gottwald, John Morrell, Richard Peters,

'GOODIES' NEEDED For Blood Donors

St. Peter's Social Ministry Committee provides refreshments (cookies) for blood donors the first Monday of each month. Donated cookies should be dropped off in the kitchen the Sunday before the first Monday of the month.

All donations of cookies are greatly appreciated.

Drop off dates: July 4 and August 1 – Thank You!

and Michael Pfeffer.

**♥ - BE A DONOR...CALL 610-691-5850
TO DONATE THE GIFT OF LIFE!**

Worship

Sponsors

Needed ...

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$20/Vase):

August 15, 22, 29

September 5.

WORSHIP BULLETINS (\$10):

July 4, 11, 18

August 1, 15, 22

September 5.

**Call the church office to reserve any of the above dates.
610-432-8762.**

St. Peter's Senior Citizens Group Disbands after 35 Years

St. Peter's Senior Citizen's Group has slowly dwindled in numbers but not in spirit. The few faithful members have tried hard to keep the group active, but with so few members, they have decided to disband.

The group has been meeting at St. Peter's since October 1, 1975. They met every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. for fellowship (Bingo, and Cards) and refreshments. They held holiday parties and enjoyed an annual banquet each October, prepared by our own (Fellowship Group) Kitchen Ministry.

We want to thank the group for participating in our regular food drives and also with other church related activities.

It's sad to see them go, but we wish all the members who stayed until the end, good luck, good health, and much happiness in all they do.



LUTHERAN PLANNED GIVING OF CENTRAL/NE PA LEAVE A LEGACY FOR MINISTRY/MISSION

Make a gift of stock and receive fixed annuity payments at much higher rates than your current dividends. You receive an income tax deduction and the ministry of your choice receives a wonderful gift. For more information about how to make charitable gifts using a Charitable Gift Annuity or other ways to make charitable gifts call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800-638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at www.elca.org/fo.



REMINDER ...

Don't forget to return the forms you recently received in the mail in regards to our St. Peter's Business Directory and email address request. Anyone who 'moonlights' as a handyman, cleaning person, computer 'geek', lawn manicurist, etc. is welcome and encouraged to fill out the business directory form.

Email requests are coming in slowly ... email addresses can be mailed to the office or emailed to secygpstpeter@enter.net.

Thank you all for your assistance.

From the Parish Nurse:

SUMMER FOOD SAFETY

With the warm weather of summer comes lots of outdoor fun. It would hardly seem like summer without a holiday picnic, trip to the beach or camping in the mountains.

Whatever your favorite activity, food is likely to be part of it. But when you mix warm summer days with perishable foods, the fun can quickly come to an end. Food exposed to the heat of the sun can become a source of hundreds and thousands of bacteria that can cause serious illness. Salmonella on chicken and e.coli in hamburgers are just two of many types of bacteria that can cause a week's worth of misery if you're not careful to handle your food properly. Here are some easy tips from the Allentown Health Bureau to help you avoid an outing ruined by food borne illness:

... Keep your perishable food cold (below 41° F). Use an insulated cooler packed with plenty of ice or frozen gel packs.

... Pack meat and poultry while still frozen. Keep it separate from salads and other ready-to-eat foods in sealable plastic bags.

... **Don't re-use the ice used for storage** in your cooler as ice for your beverages. You could contaminate your drinks.

... **Don't leave foods out.** Keep them in the cooler. If foods are out more than two hours they should be discarded.

... **Cook meats thoroughly.** Hamburgers should reach at least 160° F with juices running clear and no pink color in the center.

... **Don't place cooked foods on the plate** you use for the raw meat and poultry. Use a clean one.

... **Wash your hands often,** especially if you handled uncooked meats and poultry.

With a little care you can make sure the fun lasts all summer long. Have a question? Call the Allentown Health Bureau at 610-437-7759 year-round for food safety advice.