



# The Parish Visitor

## UPCOMING NOTABLE DAYS

- August 8-12 — ELCA Church Wide Assembly
- August 28 — Outdoor Worship & Picnic  
—with Christ Manchester
- September 24—Christ Manchester Fall Festival  
8:00 am—2:00 pm
- October 2 — Blessing of the Animals—1:00 pm
- October 8 — St. Peter's Oktoberfest
- October 9 — Community Meal & CROP Walk
- October 30 — Reformation Sunday
- November 6 — All Saints Sunday  
We remember our beloved dead



- to **Gail Bentzel & Gary Roberts** for the beautiful flowers in our gardens and planters.
- to **Sue Shettel** for playing the piano for our liturgy.
- to **Jan Botterbusch, Jolie Brown, Peggy Kling, Barb Malehorn, Matt Malehorn, Gail Bentzel, Judy Altland & everyone who helped with the Ice Cream Social.**



### At John Rudy Park

### Sunday AUGUST 28

10:00am — Coffee Fellowship

10:30am — Worship

With picnic to follow

Please bring your table setting & beverage, and a side dish or dessert to share. Bring lawn chairs, also. Hot Dogs and Ham burgers will be provided. You may sign up at church, by calling or emailing the Christ Manchester Office **717-266-1316** or [office@clcmanchester.org](mailto:office@clcmanchester.org) or by using the online giving page or Vanco Mobile App and registering for Outdoor Worship & Picnic.

**Please Note:** When you register through Vanco, you will have the option to make a \$5.00 donation to offset the cost of the meat.

**\*\*There will be a service at St. Peter's at 8:45 am as usual.**



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## From the Pastor

[Jesus says] “Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can’t bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can’t bear fruit unless you are joined with me. “I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples. “I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love. That’s what I’ve done—kept my Father’s commands and made myself at home in his love.” —John 15:4-10—*The Message Bible*

### Dear Beloved in Christ,

*The season following Pentecost*, the giving of the Holy Spirit, is a season of spiritual growth. Instead of asking, “How are you doing?”, we might well ask, “How are you growing?” How are you living the new life Jesus has given you? How are you receiving praising, and living the Father’s love in the Holy Spirit? How are you connecting to Jesus the Vine? How are you making yourself at home in Jesus?

*Many* people travel in the summertime. My family made our summer home in a thirteen foot trailer. Some folks make their vacation home in hotels or motels, youth hostels, cabins, or tents, or even cruise ships. When we are guests of friends, they often say, “Make yourselves at home.”

Jesus wants us to make our home with him, to go to his cooler for the refreshing baptismal water and open his fridge for the nourishment of Holy Communion. We can empty ourselves of waste by confessing our sins, either to a pastor, another Christian, or in the Lord’s prayer and receiving God’s word of forgiveness. We can go with Jesus to people and places in need of healing and hope—the sick, the poor, the outcast, the unpopular—and we can be the presence of God’s love. Whenever we do, we are producing the fruit of the Vine.

This season of pandemic led some to become disconnected from Jesus the Vine. They no longer find the community of faith and the nourishment of Holy Communion to be essential for their lives. If this is you, Jesus bids you to come and again connect to him and be nourished to bring forth the good fruit of faith, hope, and love. If this is someone you know, please invite them to reconnect.

In Christ’s peace,

*Pastor Schlegel*



The meals may be delivered upon request; contact Marc & Jen Olson by the 1st Sunday of the month, so arrangements can be made.

—Tuesday—  
AUGUST 16

6:00 PM  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
7:00 PM  
COUNCIL Meeting

## COUNCIL UPDATE

\* We are in conversation regarding the cooling and heating needs of our church and how best to address them. **The boiler is failing as well as the ongoing AC issues.**

\* Preventative maintenance has been done on Our major systems for the first time since the 2012 addition.

## Lutheran Fight Hunger

In partnership with Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutherans

**Saturday, AUGUST 20 — 6:30 PM**

\$10.00 Field Box \$15.00 Field Box w/food voucher

In partnership with York Revolution and the Central PA food bank, all guests will receive a \$10 group ticket with \$5.00 of every ticket donated directly to the food bank. Fans are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation to the game.

Tickets may be purchased here: <https://yorkrevolution.com/groups-hospitality/Group-theme-nights/> and then Scroll down to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Logo.



## 2022 Churchwide Assembly

**AUGUST 8-12 — Columbus, Ohio**

Churchwide Assembly—Evangelical Lutheran Church In America (elca.org)

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around the word and water, wine and bread, to carry on the work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- ◆ Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units;
- ◆ Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;
- ◆ Elect ELCA Vice President and officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws;
- ◆ Establish ELCA churchwide policy;
- ◆ Worship together;
- ◆ Adopt a budget; and
- ◆ Conduct other business related to the ELCA Churchwide organization.

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This assembly will be Streamed Live so that anyone may join in online. The link will be available on the [ELCA Website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Pastor Schlegel will be attending the assembly as a voting member from the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Please keep the assembly in prayer.

**Prayers for the Assembly** — *Here are prayers you may use to pray for the assembly.>*

***For those traveling to the assembly.***

O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel. Make the ways safe and the homecomings joyful for those traveling to the Churchwide Assembly and bring us all at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Prayer 1** — O God, you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by that Spirit, as this church prepares to gather in assembly, that we might have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace. God of grace, hear our prayer.

**Prayer 2** — Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right strengthen it; where it is divided, reunite it; Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by that truth and peace, as this church gathers in assembly. God of grace, hear our prayer.

**Prayer 3** — Almighty God, grant to your church your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve you and in the confession of your name may abide to the end. Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by your wisdom, as this church gathers in assembly. God of grace, hear our prayer.

**Prayer 4** — Loving God, through holy baptism you continue to make us new and gather us together across all human divisions, reconciling us to yourself in one body through the cross. Strengthen us by your presence, that our thoughts and actions may be rooted and grounded in your love for us. Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by your reconciling love, as this church gathers in assembly. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

**Prayer 5** — By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence. Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by your Word, as this church gathers in assembly. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

**Prayer 6** — Let us pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and its members who gather this week. Inspire the celebration of God's varied works throughout the church. Instill your peace in the midst of the work you have called us to and the deliberations that will take place. Shape the work of the church according to your will for the whole world. Merciful God, receive our prayer.



Jolie BROWN	2
Amber WEILAND	4
Evelin BURGOS	8
John CONNELLY	11
John MOHR	14
Bill EVERHART	15
Derek BROWN	16
Marguerite NESS	19
Marjorie RUTTER	19
Joan GEISLER	30



**For healing, strength & comfort**

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS**  
 Susan Becker—Tom Bru-  
 san—Evelin Burgos—Rich  
 Davis—Sharon Dietz—Bill Everhart—Don  
 Gise—Eric Gise—Shelva Gise—Frank Guer-  
 rini & family—Bruce Harget—Mike Hinkle—  
 Gary & Karen Hollenbough—Phil Knobloch—  
 Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marre-  
 ro—Michele McFarland—Deborah McIntyre—  
 Philip Michael—John Miller—Charlie Neff—  
 Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Jen Olson—Kathy  
 Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Shirley Rearich—  
 Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Rick Robinson  
 Jerry Schrum—George Shenberger—Emma  
 Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—Chris That-  
 cher—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—  
 Jeanette Tracey—Matthew Walters—Zach  
 Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Mearl Williams —  
 Dave Yates.



**AUGUST 31**  
 Judy & Jeff ALTLAND

**Remember our homebound members**  
 Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Bill Everhart—  
 Don Everhart—Helen Everhart—Doris Hoff-  
 acker—Ken & Joyc Innerst—Gloria & Phil  
 Knobloch—Carla & Mike Lehr—Jean Leiphart  
 Joanne V. Martin—Marguerite Ness—Betty  
 Roach—Lois Smith—Lois Snyder—Joyce  
 Topper—Jeanette Tracey—Bob Zeigler

**WE PRAY . . . .**

- For healing >**  
 ♦ Gloria Aughenbaugh  
 ♦ Evelin Burgos  
 ♦ Mike Hinkle  
 ♦ Phil Knobloch  
 ♦ Shirley Lutz  
 ♦ Betty Roach  
 ♦ Donna Roach  
 ♦ Lois Smith  
 ♦ Jeanette Tracey

**And all COVID longhaulers.**

**Fall Harvest Festival—**

**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 24 — 8:00AM—2:00 PM**  
 Christ Lutheran, 66 S. Main St. Manchester.

**Benefits the Blindsided Soup Kitchen.**  
 Looking for vendors for the event. \$20 donation for a  
 space 10'x10' in size. If interested or need more infor-  
 mation, contact Missy Gross. [missyg733@yahoo.com](mailto:missyg733@yahoo.com)  
 or (717)891-0331. Reservation slips are available in the  
 church office or by email.



## New Giving Opportunities

Most of us give our regular offerings the way we always have — with cash or check given in person or mailed. **If this is you, you don't have to keep reading.** You can continue to do what is working for you.

Some of us, and most people younger than 50, prefer to use electronic giving — either through the website, using a mobile app, or texting a donation. We are used to setting up automatic payments for our utility bills, shopping online, and doing paperless transactions for many of our every day expenses. **If this is you, please keep reading!** There are exciting new ways to support God's mission through St. Peter's Vanco has been our electronic giving service for many years, and perhaps you remember the "Simply Giving" program. A few years ago, Vanco offered the Give+ mobile app for iPhones, which some of us used. **The Give+ app is no longer supported.** The new Vanco Mobile app is available for both Apple and Android systems through the respective app stores. There are also links to those apps on our website. **When you use the mobile app, search on "York" and scroll down to St. Peter's Lutheran.**

We also have a **new online giving page** on our website (see QR code or link below). Using either the mobile app or the web page, you may make donations to multiple projects in one transaction, saving the church a few fees. You may set up a recurring donation for your regular offering, debt reduction, buy altar flowers, make a tribute gift for bulletins or Parish Visitor, make a gift to the Memorial Fund, or support our Community Meal ministry. The program will let us know what your gift is for, and you get a receipt by email. **Try it!** Let us know what you think.

## Support God's Mission — Ways to Give

**Offering** *Please consider making your thank offering to God ...*

**By Mail** to St. Peter's Lutheran Church 947 N. George St. York PA 17404

**Or SCAN HERE >**



**Or ONLINE** at

[www.StPetersLutheranYork.com](http://www.StPetersLutheranYork.com).

In the **Purple** box, Click **Donate** button to set up a one-time or recurring donation.

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## Pathways for



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have been posted,  
[www.StPetersSaints.com](http://www.StPetersSaints.com)



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*Sundays*

8:45 AM — In Person Worship Service

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