

ST PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
947 N. GEORGE ST  
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"127 years in Ministry"

Sundays

8:30 AM — Coffee Fellowship  
9:00 AM — Worship Service  
11:15 AM — Simple Spoken Service

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The Reverend Beth A. Schlegel, STS—*Pastor*  
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CHURCH

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# The Parish Visitor

## Epiphany Sermon Series

Epiphany...the Season of Light!

### "CALLED BY GOD"

- FEBRUARY 3 —  
"Called to Love All People"
- FEBRUARY 10 —  
"Called to be Sent"
- FEBRUARY 17 —  
"Called to Choose Life"
- FEBRUARY 24 —  
"Called to  
Forgive and Live"
- MARCH 3 —  
"Called to be  
Raised From the Dead"

### Council/Leadership Retreat

Saturday, FEBRUARY 23 — 9:00am—3:00 pm

- ⇒ Are you serving on Council?
- ⇒ Do you serve on a committee or ministry team?
- ⇒ Do you want to help our church grow stronger?
- ⇒ Do you want to be part of the next phase of the R3 renewal of our church?
- ⇒ Are you curious about what's next?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, then please join the R3 team for this day of Bible Study, prayer, and immersion in the Guiding Principles for our congregation's life. We want to be united in our discipleship and commitment to follow the Lord Jesus into all the earth.

### Journey with Jesus—The Easter Story

Sunday, APRIL 7 — 2:00pm & 3:00pm

This year, instead of having guests walk around from scene to scene, we will have sit-down showings and have the scenes move. This will make it more accessible and give a new flavor to the event. Please be a part of it! Invite people to come!

Reaching out to one another and to others in  
worship, fellowship, and witness to JESUS CHRIST





## From the Pastor

God once said, "Let the light shine out of the darkness!" This is the same God who made his light shine in our hearts by letting us know the glory of God that is in the face of Christ. —2 Corinthians 4:6

**Dear Followers of Jesus Christ,**

**As** the days lengthen and increasing light fills the earth so, too, the Epiphany season shines increasing light on Jesus as God in the flesh.

**Consider** the impact on factory line workers when the CEO comes to the floor to work with them (think *Undercover Boss*). Or imagine the surgeon coming to your bedside and hooking herself up to your IV for a transfusion.

**This** is what God has done in Jesus!

**From** changing water into fine wine for a wedding feast to opening the eyes of the blind and making the dead come out of the tomb, **Jesus is the presence of the God of life among us who live facing mortality.** That means we get to face each morning in hope. We get to look at the image in the mirror and say, "you are beloved of God!" — even before shaving and makeup. We get to go with Jesus into the world and bring God's light and life into others' lives.

**So** make the most of each day as you radiate the presence of Jesus in the world.

**See** you in worship!

*Pastor Schlegel*

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Help to adorn the house of God and share the Good News with others by being a sponsor. You can designate your sponsorship in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, or simply to the glory of God. The flower chart and sponsorship forms are in the vestibule between the Gathering Space and the nave or are available in the church office.

- ⇒ Bulletin—\$30/week
- ⇒ Altar Flowers — \$40/week
- ⇒ Disciples' Weekly — \$5/week
- ⇒ Eternal Candle — \$10/week
- ⇒ Parish Visitor Newsletter — \$20/mth

## Stewardship Corner

### *Stewardship of loving relationships*

*Jesus said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." —Mark 12:31b*

*Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." —Matthew 5:43b*

**Red** hearts, roses and chocolates are everywhere, so it must be February—the month of love! There's certainly nothing wrong with celebrating romance between you and a special someone, or love among family members, or best friends who are always there for one another.

**But** our inner circle folks represent only a sliver of the people Jesus calls us to love. And let's face it: they're the easy ones to love. Jesus calls us to a higher plane of love; to love everyone. This means not just the people about whom we are ambivalent, but our actual enemies and those who persecute us.

**Such** love is a tall order, especially today, when hatred and demonization is rampant. Our political, media and social cultures encourage us to demean everybody with whom we disagree or who is different from us. Though it may be impossible to reach Jesus' ideal, as stewards and disciples of Jesus, we can do better.

- Turn from hate. It may be too much to love our enemies, but we can start by turning from hatred. When negative feelings arise, refuse to marinate in them. Pray for guidance and strength.
- Remember that loving your enemy doesn't mean approving of who they are, what they do, or letting them escape responsibility for their actions. It also does not mean you cannot protect yourself or others from harm.
- Imagine them as a broken, imperfect child of God (just like you!), who needs God's love and mercy.
- Pray for them. Ask God to lead them, guide them, fill their lives with healing. Ask God to give them the kind of loving heart that you are hoping to develop in yourself.

**If** you do these things consistently, with God's help you will have transformed your heart, your life and our world.

*—Rob Blezard, assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod.*

**Pathways for** [www.StPetersSaints.com](http://www.StPetersSaints.com)



New sermons and links have been posted,  
[www.StPetersSaints.com](http://www.StPetersSaints.com)



## Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent Financial member (formerly known as Lutheran Brotherhood or Aid Association for Lutherans) through your participation in their insurance and/or annuity offerings, you earn “**Choice Dollars**” which you can direct to thousands of church ministries such as congregations, schools, seminaries, camps, etc. Through this charitable outreach program, the members get to choose who will receive the approximately fifty million dollars generated each year for approved ministries. St. Peter’s Lutheran Church can be a recipient if you so designate. Or you can choose another ministry in the Thrivent network. The important thing is that you take the time to send your “Choice Dollars” to a worthy cause. You can do this online at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com). If you don’t have a user ID and password, you will be asked to create one. If you are already registered, simply click on the tab “Choice Dollars” and pick the ministry of your choice and send the funds to it. You can also do this by telephone 1-800-847-4836. If you have questions or want to know more about Thrivent Financial, please call our local agent John Spadafora 717-764-0877.

## 2019 Council Officers

Peggy Kling—**President**  
Matt Malehorn—**Treasurer**

## York Conference Catechetics Program

**Sunday, FEBRUARY 10**—*Winter Session Begins*

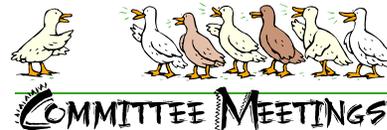
The Winter term for our youth preparing to be confirmed in their faith begins **Sunday, February 10**. The program runs for eight consecutive Sundays and concludes the last Sunday in March. Our students, *Cassie Kann, Alexis Olson* and *Alyssa Slatky* are in their first year. Last term, they studied Holy Baptism and this term will be studying Holy Communion with Pastor Schlegel and Pastor Laura Haupt. Classes are held at Luther Memorial Church and begin promptly at 6:00 PM and conclude at 8:00 PM. A banquet for all students and families will be held on May 18. Please keep these students in your prayers as they grow in the Christian faith.

## Let’s get seats at the table for York’s 10,000 Acts of Kindness

<https://www.facebook.com/YorkActs/>  
Celebrating York’s unity through **10,000 Acts of Kindness** will be a county-wide unity festival celebrating the growth York has made over the past 50 years. A year of acts of kindness will culminate in a community dinner **June 30, 2019**, in Penn Park with 1 1/2 miles of tables in an attempt to earn the Guinness Book of Records’ title for the world’s longest table.

To get a seat at the 10,000 seat table, a person must be nominated for a Kindness coin. See the link above and read the article from Sunday January 27 at...  
<https://www.ydr.com/story/opinion/2019/01/22/10-000-acts-kindness-he-brought-students-vision-life/2643777002/?fbclid=IwAR06yTOf4-h3aD8lqUYT3caAjWO4Xaw5JcB-5J-8Dx-xuDiyAF2no72yHSo>

Christopher Kann—**Vice President**  
Jolie Brown—**Secretary**



**Sunday—10:30 AM**  
**FEBRUARY 3**

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

**Thursday—6:30 PM**  
**FEBRUARY 7**

JOURNEY w/ JESUS

**Tuesday—6:00 PM**  
**FEBRUARY 12**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Tuesday—7:00 PM**  
**FEBRUARY 12**

COUNCIL

**Tuesday—6:00 PM**  
**FEBRUARY 26**

SAFE CHURCH COMMITTEE

**Thursday—7:00 PM**  
**FEBRUARY 28**

R-3 COHORT

## COMMUNITY-AID BIN

This endeavor is replacing the Clothing Giveaways. A bin is located in our parking lot. **Community-Aid** will be opening a store at Queensgate this spring. The church will receive a % per pound of clothing donated.



⇒ to all who braved the weather to celebrate 10 years with Pastor Beth and to all who sent cards and greetings. I am so blessed!

⇒ to **Marc & Jen Olson** for a wonderful port and sauerkraut dinner and lovely milestone cake and certificate.

⇒ to **Tom Wachter** for taking down the manger scene and managing generator and freezer issues.

⇒ to the **churchmice** who undecorated the church and those who carried boxes upstairs.

## Updates

### YOUTH ROOM

The ceiling repair to the youth room is now complete. We will proceed to finish the restoration with new carpet and replacing damaged items.

### OTHER CEILINGS

Work is nearly completed in the other two rooms where the ceiling was compromised.

### SIMPLE SERVICE

After more than a year of offering a later, shorter, informal worship opportunity, the Worship & Music committee decided it was time to end the experiment as of March 31. Attendance was very low and the costs for an extra service when a supply pastor was needed was high. Thank you to Jack Goodwin who served faithfully as hospitality and Altar Guild for that service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vicar Wicky L. Barnes, III** will be ordained into the Sacred Ministry of Word and Sacrament on **February 17**. The liturgy will be held at *Salem Lutheran Church in Lebanon* at 4:00 pm. Address: 119 N. 8th St. Lebanon, PA. He has been called to serve Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grantville, PA

## John Allen Lehr

**DECEMBER 10, 1962—JANUARY 24, 2019**

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to ever lasting life, we will commend **John Allen Lehr** to the Lord on **Saturday, FEBRUARY 2** at St. Peter’s Lutheran at **11:00 AM**.

*John was the son of John L. & the late JoAnn Lehr; brother of Don, Scott, and Suzanne.*



Caleb WETZEL	1
Hannah KANN	2
Sara KING	2
Helen QUICKEL	3
Tiffany GITTRICH	7
Dennis WOLFGANG	7
Joyce INNERST	10
Kathryn LEHIGH	12
Joyce TOPPER	12
Michael BAUBLITZ	13
Kenneth INNERST	15
Norma EVERHART	16
Cassandra KANN	18
Ron MALEHORN	18
Charles INNERST	21
Annette RODERICK	24
Sandy WOLFE	27

### Address Changes

#### Norma & Don Everhart

914 W. Market St, #1111 York PA 17401

### THANK YOU!

We thank all of you for all the food, calls, prayers and good thoughts. Everything is greatly appreciated. —Dale & Nedra Boyer

### A Gift to the Glory of God was given

In memory of *John Allen Lehr*, by Ken Hinkle & Jen Ports Hinkle.

### A Gift to a Masonry Fund was given to the Glory of God

In honor of Pastor Schlegel's 10th anniversary as pastor of St. Peter's, by Judy & Jeff Altland, Joyce & Ken Innerst, John & Edie Kunzier, Matthew Malehorn, Annette Roderick, Susan Shettel, Barry & Sandy Wolfe, David & Lois Yates.

In memory of *Clinton H. Roderick, Sr.*, by Annette Roderick.

### A Gift to the Iyunga Project was given to the Glory of God

In honor of Pastor Schlegel's 10th anniversary as pastor of St. Peter's, by Annette Roderick, Susan Shettel.



For healing, strength & comfort

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Donna Arnold—Susan Becker—Dale Boyer—Tom Brusan—Natalie Brutout—Evelin Burgos—Dick Crone—Bill Everhart—Betsy Fields—Joan Geisler—Mildred Geisler—Don Gise—Eric Gise—Courtney Holland—Jere Hohenwarter—Edie Kunzier—John Kunzier—Bob & Jean Leiphart—Shirley Lutz—Dorothy Mann—Michele McFarland—Deborah McIntyre—Philip Michael—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Robert Olson—Cheryl Oeschger—Sue Raffensberger—Dolores Rehmeyer—Donna Roach—Rick Robinson—Richard E Smith—Cindy Stambaugh—Chris Thatcher—Fran Thatcher—James Thompson—Jeanette Tracey—Kelsey Wagner—Joan Warnick—Mearl Williams—Paggie Wolfe—Ralph Wolfe—Mr. Young—the family & friends of John Allen Lehr.

### Remember our homebound

**members ....** Gloria Aughenbaugh & Phil Knobloch—Florence Berkheimer—Norma Buck—Don & Norma Everhart—Helen Everhart—Charlie Innerst—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Anna Kauffman—Harold Landis—Kathryn Lehigh—Bob & Jean Leiphart—Doris March LeRoy & Janet McCarthy—Helen Quickel—Barbara Reisinger—Marlin Reitz—Lois Smith Joyce Topper —Bob & Mildred Zeigler

## Worship Participants

2019	FEBRUARY 3 4th Sunday after Epiphany	FEBRUARY 10 5th Sunday after Epiphany	FEBRUARY 17 6th Sunday after Epiphany	FEBRUARY 24 7th Sunday after Epiphany
<b>LESSONS</b>	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i> 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	<i>Isaiah 6:1-13</i> 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	<i>Jeremiah 17:5-10</i> 1 Corinthians 15:12-20	<i>Genesis 45:3-11, 15</i> 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Cassie Kann	Shirley Lutz	Melissa Slatky	Jack Goodwin, Jr
<b>LECTOR</b>	Cassie Kann	Jan Botterbusch	Melissa Slatky	Ron Malehorn
<b>COMM ASSIST</b>	Jan Botterbusch Dale Boyer	Barb & Ron Malehorn	Angie Kann Hannah Kann	Peggy Kling Jen Olson
<b>COFFEE SOCIAL</b>	Jan Botterbusch	Angie Kann—	—	—
<b>USHER TEAM</b>	Tom Wachter Shirley Lutz	Ray Raffensberger—Matt Malehorn—Joan Geisler	Ron Malehorn Sandy & Barry Wolfe	Chuck Innerst—Evelin Burgos Mearl & Sandy Williams
<b>GREETERS</b>	Marion & Charles Neff	Sandy & Barry Wolfe	Fran Thatcher	Mearl & Sandy Williams
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Charles & Marion Neff Susie Wolfe	Charles & Marion Neff Susie Wolfe	Charles & Marion Neff Susie Wolfe	Charles & Marion Neff Susie Wolfe
<b>TELLERS</b>	Angie Kann—Cassie Kann Hannah Kann	Angie Kann—Cassie Kann Hannah Kann	Angie Kann—Cassie Kann Hannah Kann	Angie Kann—Cassie Kann Hannah Kann
<b>NURSERY</b>	Missy Slatky	Angie Kann	Peggy Kling	Johnna Innerst