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*Sundays*

8:45 AM — In Person Worship Service

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# The Parish Visitor

## All Saints Day

Sunday, NOVEMBER 7 —8:45 AM

*We remember our church members who have died in faith during the All Saints Sunday Service.*

### The Faithful Departed

**HAROLD L. LANDIS**

April 17, 1932 — January 9, 2021

**MADELYN M. ANDREWS**

March 31, 1924 — January 16, 2021

**CHARLES C. INNERST**

February 21, 1923 — January 21, 2021

**MILDRED J. ZEIGLER**

March 18, 1926 — January 21, 2021

**JANET MCCARTHY**

April 29, 1933 — February 9, 2021

**NORMA JEAN EVERHART**

February 16, 1927 — February 12, 2021

**ALLEGRA J. GLEESON**

October 8, 1928 — April 11, 2021

**RICHARD B. STARR**

May 27, 1936 — June 2, 2020

**LYLE H. BOWEN SR**

April 27, 1928 — June 10, 2021

**GLADYS D. MARKEL**

January 14, 1922 — October 7, 2020

**RONALD R. LEHR**

December 24, 1938 — August 7, 2021

## What is the All Saints festival all about?

This is traditionally the day when the Church remembers the faithful who have died, as an act of hope in the resurrection of the dead and life in the world to come. A saint is someone who is baptized into Jesus Christ. When we are baptized, we become children of God and inherit the riches of heaven. The "all" of All Saints recognizes that whole Church includes both the living and the dead—or more truly, those living in this world and those living in the resurrection world with Christ.

## Council Update

- ⇒The Congregation Council has authorized the **AC task force** to develop specifications for a mini-split air conditioning system and to get bids for the work.
- ⇒We continue to search for a **Music Director**.
- ⇒We authorized the purchase of a new 12 piece outdoor **Nativity set** from donations and memorial funds.
- ⇒We allocated a portion of our **Hunger Grant** to our Community Meal ministry and the remainder to the York County Food Bank.
- ⇒We will apply for a **grant** from CommunityAid toward the AC project.



## From the Pastor.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.”<sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

—Ephesians 2:8-10

### Dear Friends in Christ,

As the reds, orange, and browns of autumn leaves, pumpkins, and potatoes enter our vision and make us anticipate the abundance of Thanksgiving feasts, let us thank God for the blessing of faith, that receives all things from God.

I had hoped by this time to be doing fall Bible studies, choir rehearsals, and other activities, but instead, I am planning for hip surgery, continuing to watch with dismay as the COVID cases rise in our area while only 50% of the population takes advantage of life-saving vaccines, and praying for the health care personnel who are coping with overwhelmed hospital space. In more than 21 years in York, only recently did I observe the York hospital in Black status; no beds available. I am thankful when those attending larger indoor gatherings are masked, since it helps to curb this community spread. Please keep in prayer all those who need and who provide medical care in these unprecedented and difficult times.

Remember to thank God for the availability of medical care — something many do not have. Our sisters and brothers in the Konde Diocese of Tanzania — who are eagerly awaiting 1st doses of the COVID vaccine — have few hospitals and clinics to serve a population of 2 million (York County has 500,00). God has provided for us abundantly.

This newsletter will be for both October and November, since I will be on medical leave for about 4 weeks beginning October 12.

Worship will continue as usual throughout that time, both in person on Sundays at 8:45 am and online on Saturdays at 4:45 pm. Online worship has been pre-recorded so that those who participate in that way may continue to do so. I am thankful to Tim Lambert for his work to produce those recordings. Matthew Malehorn and Terri Schroll will be communicating the link information weekly during my absence. Matthew does the Sunday morning livestreaming. Thank you to all of them.

It has been my focus throughout the pandemic to provide worship opportunities for as many people as possible: in person, online, by phone, in print. Yet, each of you faithful disciples must also be committed to accessing these opportunities to nurture your faith. Jesus is ready when you are. If you need help or have other needs for spiritual care, please let me know. If you would like to be on the prayer chain, please contact Shirley Lutz (717-855-2585) and if you want a prayer request printed in the bulletin, please call the church office and let Terri know.

The communion of saints is a source of strength and support in the best and worst of times. Thanks be to God!

*Pastor Schlegel*

## Stewardship Corner—

### A harvest of sufficiency, contentment and generosity

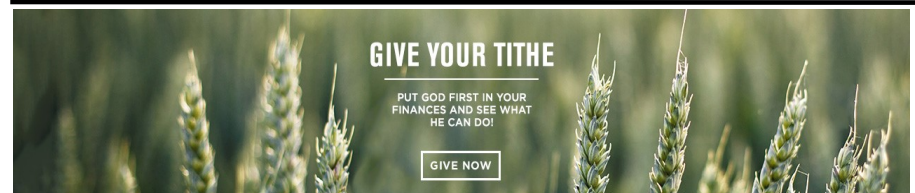
When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

—Leviticus 19:9-10

“What I earn is mine, ALL mine, to do with what I want.” That’s the message our culture tells us again and again. Yet, Leviticus 19:9-10 clearly tells us that the “mine, all mine” attitude existed some 2,500 years ago as well. It’s hard-wired into us. Our sinful human nature leads us to claim all we can for ourselves, which is why for thousands of years and up to the present, God has called faithful people to live a better way. In this passage, “the LORD your God” instructs farmers and vintners to harvest only once, and not to the very edges of their land, and to leave the remnants of the harvest to the poor and the foreigner — people on the margins scavenging for their daily bread. The teaching encourages landowners to find sufficiency in their first harvest, to be content that their needs are met, and then be generous with what is left over. Today, Leviticus 19:9-10 challenges us whose “harvests” of income are more than sufficient to satisfy our immediate needs. Do we have to take it all? What can we give for the needy? In this traditional season of harvest, what blessings can you count from the last year? (Take a few minutes to prayerfully consider this and make a list). Does your harvest more than adequately meet your needs?: Now prayerfully consider how much you can generously “leave” for the needy? Consider this in making a year-end contribution to your congregation, or in determining a commitment for 2022.

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### Support God’s Mission

**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** download the **Give+Church mobile app** from your local app store.

**Or ONLINE** at [www.StPetersLutheranYork.com](http://www.StPetersLutheranYork.com)

Click **Donate Now** button to set up a one-time or recurring donation.

**Or TEXT** (717) 366-6865 To set up a one-time or recurring donation.

[Have credit/debit card info handy]

### Theology of Stewardship

Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God’s glory. We are committed to sharing God’s resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and helping others locally and around the world.



## OCTOBER

Brandon AMSPACHER	1
Lauren WOLFE	9
Gwenever GRIEST	10
Suzanne GOODWIN	11
Nedra BOYER	13
Dale BOYER	19
Barry WOLFE	24
Donna ROACH	31

## NOVEMBER

Jeff ALTLAND	1
Doris HOFFACKER	10
Monica HOLLINGER	12
Judy ALTLAND	13
Andrew BROWN	15
Melissa SLATKY	18
Margaret SLEEGER	18
Stewart EISENHART	19
Norma BUCK	23
Joan WOLFE	29



**OCTOBER 18** [7th]

Gloria & Philip KNOBLOCH

**OCTOBER 19** [36th]

Barb & Ron MALEHORN



*For healing, strength & comfort*

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Brun—Evelin Burgos—Dick Crone—Rich Davis—Sharon Dietz—Cindy Dennis—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Eric Gise—Frank Guerrini & family—Bruce Harget—Jere Hohenwarter—Gary & Karen Hollenbough—Shirley Lutz—Fabian Marrero—Michele McFarland—Deborah McIntyre—Philip Michael—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Dan Orwig—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Rick Robinson—Emma Smyhser—Nancy Stough Miller—Chris Thatcher—James Thompson—Jeanette Tracey Kelsey Wagner—Amber Weiland—Deborah Wigand—Margaret Wiley—Mearl Williams.

### Remember our homebound

**members ....** Donna Arnold—Norma Buck Bill Everhart—Don Everhart—Helen Everhart—Doris Hoffacker—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Gloria & Phil Knobloch—Carla & Mike Lehr—Ron Lehr Jean Leiphart—Joanne V Martin—Helen Quickel—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper—Jeannette Tracey—Bob Zeigler

### We Pray...

#### For those coping with illness:

Donna Roach, Betty Roach, Lois Smith, Phil Knobloch, Gloria Aughenbaugh, Amber Weiland, Jeanette Tracey, Evelin Burgos, Shirley Rearich, Mike Hinkle, and all COVID longhaulers.



**NOVEMBER 20** [45th]

Jolie & Harry BROWN

**NOVEMBER 22** [57th]

Sandy & Mearl WILLIAMS

## COVID-19 UPDATE

We are aware that the delta variant is now causing increased cases of COVID-19 in the York community. The latest guidance from the CDC encourages both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons to wear masks when in public gatherings indoors. We encourage everyone to use their best judgment to protect themselves and others. The Congregation Council is kindly requesting that all persons attending Sunday worship please wear a mask. Please practice good habits of sanitizing and social distancing.

## In Memoriam

*Allegra Gleeson* — A funeral service will be held on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 6, 1:30 PM** at St. Peter's. All are welcome. Masks requested.  
[Allegra Gleeson Obituary \(1928-2021\)—York, PA—York Daily Record \(legacy.com\)](#)

*Jeffrey Bates* [son of Brenda Tome] — A funeral service will be held on **Monday, NOVEMBER 22, 11:00 AM** at St. Peter's. All are welcome. Masks required.  
[Jeffrey Bates Obituary \(1968-2021\) - Gibsonton, FL, PA—York Daily Recored \(legacy.com\)](#)

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine on them.*



## THANK YOU !!!!

—to **all** who continue to *give offerings* to support our Gospel ministry.

—to **our members** for gracious hospitality for our guest pastors.

—to **Peggy Kling** and **Jan Botterbusch** for coordinating and publicizing the *mobile vaccine clinic*. It was a lot of work, even though it was canceled.

—to **everyone** for wearing masks and maintaining physical distancing.

—to **everyone** who has continued mailing offerings to support the ministry of the Gospel through St. Peter's.

## Save the Date!

• **OCTOBER 31**  
**REFORMATION DAY**

• **NOVEMBER 7**  
**ALL SAINTS DAY**



**COST: \$13.50**

**Deadline to order:**  
**Sunday, NOVEMBER 21**

Order forms are included in the Parish Visitor and available outside the sanctuary or in the church office.

## Advent is coming soon

Would you be willing to write an Advent devotional with a scripture passage, brief reflection and prayer? This will be used on our Facebook page, StPetersSaints website and as a print resource as requested. Reflections can be how God speaks to you in that passage, as we wait for Christ's coming; or a story about how you celebrate Advent; or how an Advent hymn speaks to your spirit; or what it means to you to wait for the coming of Jesus in glory. Please send or give reflections to Terri in the church office by **NOVEMBER 1**.