

ST PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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"128 years in Ministry"

Sundays

8:30 AM — Coffee Fellowship  
9:00 AM — Worship Service

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Terri Schroll—*Secretary*



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# The Parish Visitor

## The congregation decided — we will be sharing ministry with Christ, Manchester

- **Beginning October 6**, our Sunday worship will begin with announcements at 8:45 AM.
- The Sunday worship at Christ in Manchester will begin with announcements at 10:30 AM.
- Our congregation council and Finance Committee meetings will shift to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- We will have new opportunities for fellowship and serving in the name of our Lord Jesus.
- God is at work to be present in our communities.

**Both congregations voted unanimously to enter into this cooperative arrangement so that the mission of the church might continue strongly.**

**From the discussion at the meeting, there are some things that need to be clarified:**

1. The money that comes from Christ Lutheran does not get added to the pastor's paycheck. It is a revenue stream to help pay for what is already budgeted. Currently, our revenue streams for operational expenses are offerings, designated gifts, facility use donations, and savings/bequests. This shared ministry, along with the synod stipend for the secretary, will add a revenue stream.
2. It costs money to have a pastor. A Lutheran pastor typically has a master's degree with 8 years of higher education. Many younger pastors have six-figure debt when entering their first congregation. Some denominations expect their pastors to have full-time employment outside the church; that employment covers health and retirement and the congregation just pays a stipend for Sundays and a few meetings. Most Lutheran congregations want a pastor available all the time, so they compensate the pastor justly and accordingly, including housing, health and retirement benefits.
3. Our pastor does not make a six-figure salary. A pastor's salary and housing is a little more than half

of the total cost to the congregation for pastoral ministry. The median household income for York county is \$57,500. The average salary in 2017 for a public school teacher in Central York School District is \$70,000.

4. The synod and the ELCA are very much aware of the struggles of smaller aging congregations to afford full-time ministry. This is why there is currently a focused investment in renewal efforts such as R3 to empower lay people and equip ordinary disciples to share their faith and invite people to Jesus. It is also why there is broad encouragement for congregations to work together and share ministry and staffing. Only the individual congregation has the authority to decide to close, merge, or cooperate with other congregations; the synod or ELCA does not decide that.

5. A pastor serves the congregation in its eagerness to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey all that [Jesus] has commanded us (Matthew 28:16-20) A pastor prepares believers to live and die in faith and to serve their neighbors as "little Christs" in the world. A pastor leads worship, distinguishing between the living God of the Bible and the idols of this passing age. What is this worth to you?



# From the Pastor

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. —Psalm 18:2

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. —Psalm 46:1,7  
 O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love. —Psalm 59:17

## Dear Followers of Jesus Christ,

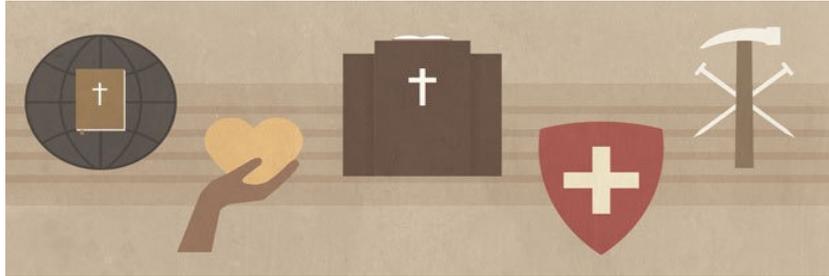
*Lutherans always begin to see red in October.* Not because we are angry people, but because we know that Reformation Sunday is coming up—on October 27. Its color is red— for the work of the Holy Spirit, that passionate life force of the Triune God.

We will sing the great hymn of Martin Luther “A Mighty Fortress is our God”, based on the Psalms cited above. We will be reminded that God’s faithfulness in Jesus Christ is the source of our hope and salvation, not our goodness or righteous deeds.

We hear this message every week, but on Reformation Sunday, we bring it into sharper focus so that we do not falter on the shifting sands of ideology or wishful thinking. This is especially important as we face the challenges of the modern world. How else can we deal with the realities of gun violence, opioid addiction, climate disasters, and aging except by trusting the God who provides refuge and protection in his mercy and eternal love?

The following **Sunday, November 3**, is All Saints’ Sunday — the autumn Easter. This year, we will remember the saints in a special way. *By October 20, please bring photographs of loved ones who have died along with their names (make sure your name is on the back so that we can return it to you.)* These will be placed around the church on All Saints’ Sunday as a visual reminder that we are “surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1).

*Pastor Schlegel*



## Worship Participants

	OCTOBER 6 17th Sunday after Pentecost	OCTOBER 13 18th Sunday after Pentecost	OCTOBER 20 19th Sunday after Pentecost	OCTOBER 27 Reformation Sunday
<b>2019</b>				
<b>LESSONS</b>	<i>Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</i> <i>2 Timothy 1:1-14</i>	<i>2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c</i> <i>2 Timothy 2:8-15</i>	<i>Genesis 32:22-31</i> <i>2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i> <i>Romans 3:19-28</i>
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Jack Goodwin Jr	Fred Botterbusch	Jen Olson	Hannah Kann Melissa & Alyssa Slatky
<b>LECTOR</b>	Angie Kann	Jan Botterbusch	Jen Olson	Melissa Slatky
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Gail Bentzel Jack Goodwin Jr	Barb & Ron Malehorn	Joan Geisler Missy Slatky	Dale Boyer Peggy Kling
<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 Hannah & Cassie Kann	Angie Kann Hannah & Cassie Kann	Angie Kann Hannah & Cassie Kann	Angie Kann Hannah & Cassie Kann
<b>NURSERY</b>	Missy Slatky	Angie Kann	Peggy Kling	Johnna Innerst



Brandon AMSPACHER	1
Allegra GLEESON	8
Lauren WOLFE	9
Gwenever GRIEST	10
Suzanne GOODWIN	11
Nedra BOYER	13
Dale BOYER	19
Barry WOLFE	24
Donna ROACH	31



**OCTOBER 6** [13th]  
Kristy & Joseph KOCHENOUR

**OCTOBER 18** [5th]  
Gloria & Philip KNOBLOCH

**OCTOBER 19** [34th]  
Barb & Ron MALEHORN

## THANK YOU !!!!

- to **Peggy Kling** and **Chris Kann** for the extra meetings this summer to explore cooperation with Christ, Manchester.
- to **all who** pray.
- to **all who** took time to attend the worship workshops and who serve as worship leaders and helpers.
- to **all who** returned the directory update form—we will be preparing a new directory soon.



*For healing, strength & comfort*

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Donna Arnold—Susan Becker—Sharon Bleazard—Nedra Boyer—Tom Bruson—Evelin Burgos—Dick Crone—Cindy Dennis—Bill Everhart—Norma Everhart—Betsy Fields—Mildred Geisler—Don Gise—Eric Gise—Jayden Gittrich—Courtney Holland—Jere Hohenwarter—Edie & John Kunzler—Bob & Jean Leiphart—Gary McCubbin—Michele McFarland—Deborah McIntyre—Philip Michael—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Robert Olson—Sue Raffensberger—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Rick Robinson—Margaret Sleeper—Richard E Smith—Cindy Stambaugh—Richard Stover Sr—Chris Thatcher—Fran Thatcher—James Thompson—Jeanette Tracey—Kelsey Wagner—Joan Warnick—Mearl Williams—Ralph Wolfe—Mr Young

### Remember our homebound

**members ....** Gloria & Phil Knobloch—Florence Berkheimer—Norma Buck—Don & Norma Everhart—Helen Everhart—Charlie Innerst—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Anna Kauffman Harold Landis—Carla & Mike Lehr—Ron Lehr LeRoy & Janet McCarthy—Gary McCubbin—Helen Quicquel—Barbara Reisinger—Marlin Reitz—Lois Smith—Joyce Topper—Bob & Mildred Zeigler

### A Tribute Gift to the Masonry Fund

**In memory of Ruth Roderick**  
By her granddaughter, Annette Roderick

## JOURNEY with Jesus —The Easter Story

**Sunday, APRIL 5, 2020 — 2:00 PM**

We are planning for York's own version of the Passion play to begin Holy Week next year. Journey with Jesus—the Easter Story dramatizes the events of human redemption beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing through the suffering and death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

We are holding casting auditions on **Monday October 21, 6:30-8:30 PM**. Anyone interested in being part of the cast may come during that time or speak with Peggy Kling or Matt Malehorn.

## CHURCH UPDATES

- On **September 15**, both St. Peter's congregation and the congregation of Christ Lutheran in Manchester voted unanimously to accept the proposed agreement for Christ to purchase pastoral services from St. Peter's. This is a positive step of stability for both congregations and opens the possibility of renewal as we work together to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ.

## Our Caring Ministry

There are many ways we care for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. We share meals on the Second Sunday of the month, delivering to the homebound of our congregation. We have a card ministry that keeps in touch with folks and reaches out when there is a joy or sorrow. We have a prayer list (in the weekly bulletin and newsletter) and a prayer chain (telephone). Lay Eucharistic ministers take the sacrament to the sick and homebound. You can be involved, too! Here's how:

- **Second Sunday Homebound Meals** — call Mary Grace King 717-848-9192
- **Card Ministry** — call Nedra Boyer 717-764-4374
- **Bulletin Prayer List** — call Terri Schroll in the church office 717-854-0589
- **Telephone Prayer Chain** — Call Shirley Lutz 717-855-2585
- **Lay Eucharistic Ministers** — call Jan Botterbusch 717-741-4900

## Community Meal

—Sunday—  
**OCTOBER 13**  
11:00-12:30 PM

## Save the Date!

### Get Involved

- **October 13** — **CROP Walk 50th Anniversary**— start at St. Peter's and walk downtown to help stop hunger.
- **November 3** — **All Saints' Sunday**—bring photos of loved ones who have died for remembrance.
- **November 17** — **Forgiveness & Healing Service of Prayer**
- **December 4** — **Blue Christmas Service**

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

—Monday—  
**OCTOBER 14—6:30 PM**  
JOURNEY w/JESUS PLANNING

—Tuesday—  
**OCTOBER 15**  
**6:00 PM**

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
**7:00 PM**  
COUNCIL

—Monday—  
**OCTOBER 21—6:30 PM**  
JOURNEY w/JESUS CASTING



## CROP WALK 50th ANNIVERSARY GALA — October 13

Did you know that the CROP Walk that is a nationwide event to raise funds to address hunger started right here in York fifty years ago? We are blessed by this opportunity to participate in a special way. St. Peter's is one of 4 starting points for this year's walk. People will register at the starting point at 1:30 PM, walk the mile down to Continental Square, where at 2:00 PM there will be a gala celebration. Jan Botterbusch is our coordinator and is recruiting helpers for that day. If you are interested in walking on the St. Peter's Team, see Barb Malehorn or Pastor Schlegel. If you cannot walk, please sponsor one of our walkers either with cash or check payable to CEW/CROP or online <https://50thcropwalk.com/>. Of the funds that are raised, up to 25% is used locally to support food banks, food pantries and feeding ministries and the remainder supports CROP's worldwide efforts to stem the tide of hunger.



When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks," notes the Los Angeles Times (Oct. 26, 2009).

On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the start of the hunger walks related to CROP — and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. As far as we know, York County, Penn., was the first walk officially called the CROP Walk for the Hungry — and that event has been continuous since 1970. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide.

Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,300 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone. <https://resources.crophungerwalk.org/about-the-crop-hunger-walk-walk-and-cws/>

### 50th Greater York CROP Hunger Walk Receives a \$50,000

Former York City United Methodist Pastor and Missionary Rev. Roger Burtner and his wife, Sylvia, have issued a challenge to York Countians with a dollar for dollar match of up to \$50,000 to benefit the 50th Greater York CROP Hunger Walk.

Burtner, 92, currently living in Keedysville, Maryland, plans to be present for the annual Walk in downtown York. He was the Greater Mid-Atlantic Regional Director for CWS/CROP in 1970 when he met with Rev. Bill Sowers and Margaret Horn in York and the three of them decided to hold the first walk called "CROP Walk for the Hungry".

### 2019 Council Officers

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

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

## Stewardship Corner—

### Wants, needs, and the path to contentment

*"There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.*

—1 Timothy 6:6-9

When Apple released a new iPhone some years ago, our teenager grew unhappy with the one that had been a treasured birthday present only a few months earlier.

"I really *need* a new iPhone," we were told with urgency and expectation. Sensible parents, we said no, pointing out that a new iPhone was definitely a *want*, not a *need*. Our teen stormed off, outraged by the injustice and deprivation.

Children and youth are forgiven for confusing *wants* and *needs*, but many of us reach adulthood without the knowledge. The distinction is especially hard to learn in our consumer culture, where every advertisement tells us that true happiness is forever just one more purchase away. When we believe this lie, we suffer lives of insatiable desire, every grasping for the newer, the better, the larger, the more.

Mature faith and biblical stewardship challenge us to distinguish our wants from our needs, so that we may find contentment with "enough" — decent housing, healthy food, clean clothing and reliable transportation. No longer slaves to a desire for more, we are free to enjoy the abundant life that comes from loving relationships with God and family and neighbor.

Getting free may take discipline, but with God's help we can grow. Faced with desire, we pray: "Is this a need or a want? If it's a want, why do I sense it's a need? Can I be content without it?"

Finding contentment, we open ourselves to the life God intends for us, rich and abundant in love, joy and grace.

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

### Pathways for



New sermons and links have been posted,  
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