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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

Centered in Christ and empowered by
God's Spirit, we love, grow and serve.

Our core values:

Christ-centered
Open-minded
Caring
Welcoming
Generous

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Affirmation of Welcome

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation and strive to welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, ability and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. Welcome to all who seek Christ's love and grace.

This is a place where you are welcome to rejoice and lament, seek healing and offer service. Welcome in the name of Jesus.

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What's Happening In December

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 AM
In-person and live-stream

Temporary OFFICE HOURS

9 am to 12 noon
Monday to Friday



Our 9:30 AM Sunday in-person worship
is live streamed on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersLutheranChurchHarwich>

Centering Prayer

Tuesdays, December 13 & 27 @ 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Kathy Carpenter from St. Mary of Magdala will be leading this.
All are welcome. Contact Kathy at kcarpenter43@icloud.com
if you have any questions.

St. Peter's Sojourners

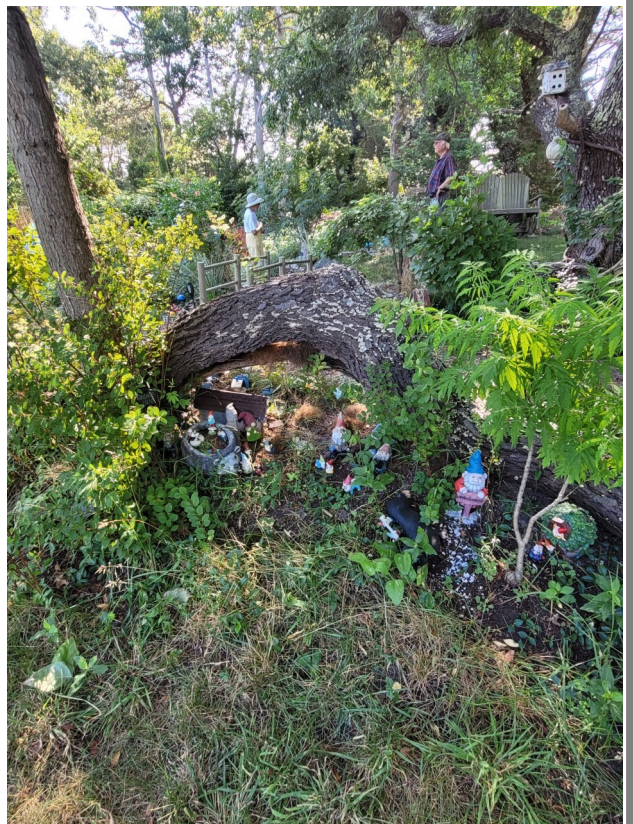
We continue to invite new walkers and ask that they email [Lynn Hatch \(Lchatch1@comcast.net\)](mailto:Lchatch1@comcast.net) if they wish to join the group and get updated info on where our walks will be.

We will once again meet at the church parking lot for car pooling, at 8:10 am Tuesdays.

Masks are not required for the walk, but must be worn if breakfast establishments require them. We always plan on going to breakfast after each walk.

For those wishing to know the meeting place for the start of each walk if it's more convenient and closer than the church, directions for the trail head will be sent each week.

The Sojourners walk at different locations on the Cape each week, and we're always open to a new trail we've not tried before; perhaps it might be your favorite.





Advent Attentiveness. Advent Wonder.

Advent is a season filled with mystery and promise, a season inviting wonder.

No one captures more of this mystery and promise than the prophet Isaiah. His words invite wonder, *if we pay attention*. The first Sunday in Advent (ch.2) Isaiah reveals God's vision of a day when we will beat our swords into plowshares, put down the weapons of war for the benefits of agriculture, and humans flourish. The second Sunday in Advent (ch.11) speaks of the shoot that grows out of the tree stump, bringing new life. This shoot is the promised Messiah. Isaiah relays a vision of the wolf living with the lamb, the leopard lying down with the kid, the calf and the lion, and a little child leading all of them. The third Sunday in Advent (Is.35) is a vision of the Israelites returning home after the Babylonian captivity. It is a vision of exuberant joy, new life where least expected: "The desert shall rejoice and blossom... the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer,... for waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert."

Isaiah's visions are grandiose but they seem *invisible*, unrealized. His words are inspiring but are they just words? Hence the mystery, and the need to pay attention. I am reminded of looking up at the sky during a meteor shower for shooting stars. If we stay inside or do not look up, if we don't pay attention, we will not see the beauty that is all around. Another image, perhaps capturing more of what is at stake, might be following directions to an oasis in the desert. Now paying attention becomes the difference between life and death. Paying attention to the mystery and promises of Advent may be the difference between bah-humbug and transformation.

What are we paying attention to?

I suggest that this Advent we pay especially close attention to:

- ✚ the Word (our scripture readings).
- ✚ the world, naming what is broken or in need of healing, redemption and restoration.
- ✚ prayer
- ✚ light; where do we see light illumining the darkness? How are we called to be light that dispels darkness
- ✚ our neighbor

View From the Deck



On these Sundays in Advent, I marvel at some of the ways we are being attentive to our neighbors:

- ✚ Esther Circle inviting us to make care packages for the Seafarers in Boston
- ✚ Just Peace Team inviting us to support educational scholarships for Palestinians in the Holy Land through olive oil purchases
- ✚ Psalm Group taking proceeds from the Fair to give gift cards and Christmas gifts to homeless and at-risk youth via school Guidance Counselors
- ✚ Loaves and Fish food pantry

And of course, there were the three baptisms we celebrated on Advent 1, November 27: the baptisms of Thea, Georgia and Charlotte. We saw and heard these elementary-school-aged girls say, "Yes, I want to be baptized. We heard the congregation say, yes, "we promise to support and pray for them in their new life in Christ." We saw the water that was splashed over their foreheads. We saw the light that was given to them with the charge "Let your light so shine before others that they see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Beholding all this, these young people so early in their life journeys, how could we not sense the mystery and promise? How could we not be filled with Advent wonder about what God will do with and for and through them and us?
— Pastor Christian



Advent in our Homes

Devotions and Fellowship

Advent is a season of hope, beauty and joyful anticipation. St. Peter's Worship Team invites you to observe and celebrate Advent not only Sundays but also midweek, not only at church but also in our homes.

When: Wednesday afternoons

Where:

December 7 - 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Hollecks Home, 36 Sturbridge Way, Brewster (508-385-5575)

December 14 - 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Kamens Home, 3460 State Highway, Eastham (508-255-6026)

What:

Prayer and the singing of Advent hymns for half an hour.
Fellowship and refreshments for half an hour.





You are warmly welcomed to
join us for

The Longest Night: A Service of Hope and Healing

Held on the longest night of the year,
this service is for those of us who struggle
to find the joy in this holiday season.

If you are struggling with grief, loneliness, depression, hurt, anger,
the loss of a loved one, find yourself far from relatives or feel
stressed, and you are having a hard time feeling God's presence
in this Advent season, come and worship with us.

December 21
7:00 pm



It's time to order



Poinsettias are \$11 each.

Please send payment to the church by Sunday, December 18.

Flower envelopes are available in the Narthex or you can just put # of
poinsettias ordering in the check's memo.

Or [Click here](#) for the online order form.

Contact us at (508) 432-5172 or office@stpeterscapecod.org, if you have any
questions.



Advent/Christmas worship schedule

Sunday 12/4, 12/11 and 12/18 @ 9:30 am Advent worship

Wednesday 12/21 @ 7pm, Longest Night worship

Christmas Eve 12/24

@ 4 pm Children's pageant, communion, candle lighting, special music

@ 10 pm Special music, communion, candle lighting

Christmas Day

Sunday 12/25 @ 9:30 am Festive worship

FIRST COMMUNION

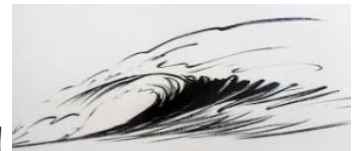
It is with joy that we will have 7 children receiving their first communion on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 4. Welcome to the Lord's Table, Jaxson, Thea, Eleanor, Cynthia, Georgia, Charlotte and Chase. We're glad you finally get to join the feast.



If there are others who have not yet received their first communion and would be interested, please contact the Pastors; we know of at least one more child who would like to learn all about the Lord's Supper.

EXPLORE CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING

Start off the New Year treating yourself to the spiritually meditative practice of Chinese brush painting. You are invited to paint in this ancient tradition; no artistic skill is required. Using special brushes on prepared paper, you will learn a simple technique of strokes that, with practice, will create beautiful paintings honored by Chinese and Japanese cultures for centuries. All materials will be provided; all you need to bring is a desire to learn a new form of art. You will be grinding your own ink—itsself a meditative process—using special brushes on prepared paper, and watching the images you will produce.



Three experienced leaders will guide you with demonstrations and personal attention: Celine Frederici, who has taught Chinese brush painting for many years to various age groups; Pastor Tiffany Holleck who learned the Japanese language and practiced the art of calligraphy while living in Japan; and Jay Tichenor who learned Chinese brush painting as a student at the Worcester Art Museum.

Three Wednesday morning sessions are scheduled early in the new year: January 4, 11, 18, from 9:30 to 12 noon, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Cost for instruction and materials is \$5 per session. To register or for questions, contact Jay Tichenor at (508) 945-7401 or email jay.tichenor@gmail.com.

UPDATES FROM URUGUAY

Joanna's November Newsletter

A QUICK REFRESHER:

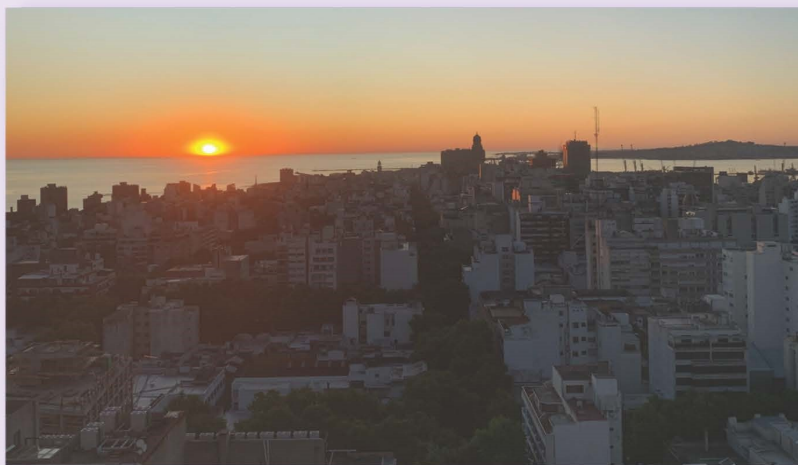
I am serving as a volunteer with the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program of the ELCA. I'm working alongside the community El Sembrador (The Sower) and the Lutheran congregation of Nuestro Salvador (Our Savior) in Montevideo. As a YAGM, my mission is centered around the idea of accompaniment, which emphasizes the fact that we don't need to bring God to the communities we're walking alongside because God is already there.

If I had to choose one phrase to describe my November here in Uruguay, it would be "getting acquainted with culture." In my first month here, I focused primarily on settling into my communities at my church, in my student home, and at El Sembrador (where I volunteer). Now that I am feeling more settled and falling into a daily routine, I have more time to explore the city of Montevideo, try local foods, and pick up on the Uruguayan dialect. In this newsletter, I'll share a few of these highlights with you, in the hopes that you can also learn something about a "new to you" place and culture.

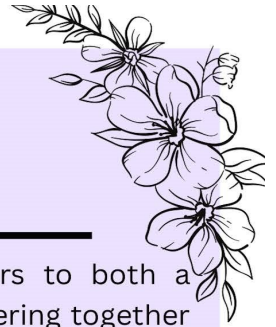
In the city: The month started off on a high note with a day of exploring Montevideo with my fellow YAGM volunteer, Claire. We both had the day off, so we took that time to wander the old city, walk along the rambla, and visit an international book fair. The rambla, Montevideo's version of a board walk, is a significant characteristic of the city. It runs along the coast of the Plata River for about 14 miles and is almost always bustling with runners, bikers and families taking walks together.

After walking along the shore, we returned to the city to watch the sunset from the panoramic viewpoint, an observation deck 262 feet above the ground. The view from the deck was beautiful, allowing us to see the city, the river's coastline, and the sunset from a new perspective.

In the kitchen: One of the most surprising aspects of Uruguayan culture for me has been the food. It's hard to fully grasp what traditional Uruguayan foods are when living with students, who often choose quick, cheap dinners over traditional family dishes. However, I can tell the importance of certain foods because nearly every person I meet asks me, "Have you tried dulce de leche yet? What about asado?"



The sunset and the city of Montevideo, as seen from the panoramic viewpoint



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A chivito platter

Like the English word barbeque, “asado” refers to both a specific type of meat dish and the event of gathering together with friends around a backyard grill. Asados typically include chorizo, chicken, ribs, and stuffed bell peppers or other grilled veggies, all cooked over an open fire. Another popular meal is chivitos, which I can best describe as the Uruguayan version of a loaded burger. Served with or without the bun, a chivito typically contains a thin beef slice topped with ham, cheese, an egg, lettuce, tomato, onion, green olives, and mayonnaise with fries on the side.

In the countryside: The country of Uruguay is divided into two regions: Montevideo and everywhere else (otherwise known as “the interior”). As the capital city, Montevideo is home to almost half of the country’s population and most of the rest of the nation is countryside. The third week of November was my first time truly exploring the “interior,” where I spent a week on

retreat with the other four YAGM volunteers in the Argentina/ Uruguay cohort. The retreat center that hosted us is also an agroecology center, focusing on sustainable farming and biodiversity. In addition to reflecting on our first two months of service and re-analyzing our expectations for the rest of the year, we also got the chance to milk cows, hold 2-week-old kittens, and plant a tree. Our last day at the center was Thanksgiving day and the cook David generously allowed our group into the kitchen and helped us prepare a Thanksgiving feast. Using carrots, garlic, onions and cilantro fresh from the garden, we prepared chicken and vegetables, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, and an apple pie. We then gathered around the table with David and the other guest staying at the retreat center that night. It was incredibly meaningful to share the tradition of Thanksgiving with them for the first time, especially as we went around the table sharing what we were grateful for and they added their own comments.

I feel incredibly blessed by the many things that I am grateful for, but one thing that is especially relevant to this newsletter is community. I am truly thankful for each of you who support me with encouraging emails, continued donations and by keeping me in your prayers. I am blessed to have such a strong community of friends and family at home and around the world who are accompanying me on this journey.

Thank you again for the impact that each of you have on my life and on this year of service.



Cooking Thanksgiving dinner with my cohort and our country coordinator



Christian Education

The Bible Study for Women

We're continuing our study of the Gospel of John. On two Wednesday evenings each month we meet at 7 pm (both in-person and zoom) to read, discuss and learn.

Join us and add these dates to your calendar now!

December 7 and 14

[Please contact Pastor Tiffany](#) if you'd like the Zoom link.



Sunday School

In December we'll have rehearsals for the Christmas pageant after worship services.

We resume our Sunday School schedule in 2023: January 8 and 22, February 5 and 19, March 5 and 19, April 2, 16 and 30 and May 7 and 21.



Candlelight Vigil

There will be a candlelight vigil to remember victims of club Q and acknowledge the continued hatred in our country.

December 4, 2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. The Unitarian Church of Barnstable, 3330 Main St. Barnstable. There will be guest speakers, opportunities for participation from the community, a moment of silence and ringing of their Tibetan bell.

Adult Bible Study and Conversation

When: December 11 & 18, following worship

Where: Room John, downstairs

Who: Rev. Stewart Pattison leading

What: "Hannah and Mary: Two Voices, One Song"



St. Peter's Ministries



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, December 5th and Monday, December 19th at 1:30.

Please consider joining us for prayerful knitting or crocheting and pleasant conversation. We have yarn, needles, patterns and willing teachers available if needed and now we have great weather for having a growing shawl on your lap.

In January we will meet on Monday, January 2nd and January 16th.



Esther Circle

A great big Thank You to all who contributed to the Cranberry Fair and all who came and purchased items!

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Our regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13 at 12:30.

Donations are being accepted for the Seafarers Project. Lists of needed items are available. No shoe boxes are required as we are using purchased bags for the project this year.

We have decided to go out for a Holiday lunch in January, date and place to be determined.



Sacred Sorrow

"Grief is neither a problem to be solved nor a difficulty to be overcome. It is a sacred expression of love; a sacred sorrow."

The Compassionate Friends 26th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 11th. This ceremony unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. As candles are lit at 7:00 PM local time, hundreds of thousands of people create a wave of light to commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon.

The St. Peter's group plans to attend the Candle Lighting Remembrance Service on this date at the South Chatham Community Church, 2555 Main Street, Chatham.

For more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry or Esther Circle please contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or marianne@oboyle.net.



P.S.A.L.M.
People Sharing and Loving More



The PSALM group wishes to extend a huge, heartfelt thank you to all who made the Cranberry Fair the biggest success EVER! If you were able to join us on that day, you could feel the Spirit moving among us as we all worked to provide support for the 101 homeless students we've identified this year. May God Bless you all.





Taking worship out into our community

One hour. Two times a year. A ton of love.

We have been invited to offer worship at the Latham Center in Brewster.

A small group of people who are passionate about special needs youth and their teachers are asked to join the Worship Team in creating a bi-annual worship service that we can take to that school.

We also are looking for people to assist us in taking worship to The Victorian (independent living) and Pleasant Bay (skilled nursing and rehab).

We're looking for musicians, Scripture readers, prayer leaders, communion assistants and people with good cheer to join us.

Contact the Pastors or the Worship Team (Lynn A., Barbara G. Lou M, Donna A.) if you can volunteer. Thank you!

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2 times a year
and a ton of love.



Worship leaders needed

Have you noticed that there was no usher there to hand you a bulletin on a Sunday morning?

Did you see that one person was both running the AV system AND leading Scripture readings?

Help is needed.

If we'd like to keep our same level of excellence in worship, we'll need more people to step up and fill the worship leaders roles. We need more ushers, greeters, and communion assistants. The AV team would like to train several more people in how to livestream worship. And the Altar Care Team would love some help in preparing the altar for holy communion.

We are also looking for volunteers for the Day Greeter position - to answer phones, greet visitors, and assist the church staff with some basic tasks.

Volunteer yourself or someone you like by contacting [Pastor Tiffany](mailto:pastortiffany@stpeterscapecod.org) at the church office or by email at pastortiffany@stpeterscapecod.org



Council Corner notes

Highlights of November 2022



- † Financial report reviewed by Treasurer Russ Olson
- † Joanie Keating is stepping down from current Administrator position but will still help out with some functions but remotely. Council approve hiring Molly Keating for 15 hours per week to do the office job until a new administrator can be hired
- † Building use guideline document reviewed and approved
- † Discussed possibility of Cape Cod Academy renting space in our education wing . Dr. Waters from the Academy will attend December meeting and give presentation and answer questions.
- † Approved committees for hiring new Minister of Music and Ministry Administrator
- † Approved office closure calendar for 2023

Submitted by Kathy Glifort, Council Secretary



Loaves and Fish Pantry

Our schedule is as follows:

Monday: 1:00 - 3:00 pm **Wednesday:** 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Thursday: 11:30-1:30 **Friday:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thanks so much for all of the support for our Loaves and Fishes Pantry.

Our numbers continue to increase each month and we have set some daily and monthly records for the number of clients using our pantry. Ordering and keeping the shelves stocked has been a challenge because of the increased need in the community but the weekly donations from the congregation and neighbors makes a big difference. Our sign is working and has even brought in new volunteers who are helping with the deliveries and stocking the shelves. Curt Douglas continues help unload every delivery and then thankfully takes all the cardboard boxes to be recycled. His vehicle hauls more and more each month.

Toys and gift items for the children of our clients began arriving even before the basket was put out. We will be collecting the gifts for the Santa Stop until Sunday, December 4th. Last month our pantry gave out over forty new jackets to our clients and sneakers for the younger children and thirty-five families received a turkey with all of the fixings and a small grocery gift card. We were grateful to the additional volunteers who helped unload the truck and loaded the carts and cars with all the goodies.

It is truly a blessing to be able to be a part of this community outreach program supported by all of you and the Lower Cape Outreach Council. - Ruth Brennehan, coordinator

NOTES AND LETTERS



Hi all!

*May all the good things
that Thanksgiving brings
be yours in abundance this year.*

*Give Thanks Not just on
Thanksgiving Day, But Every
Day of your Life! Appreciate
and Never take for granted
All That You Have!
I Thank God to Have
My Church, Family in my
Life! Love you all,
Debbie*



*My sincere thanks to all
my church family for the
love and support
I received after the
recent death of my son.
You are all very special
to me.*

Lucie

We love to hear from you!

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Thank you for your gift of
\$775 for YAGM - Joanna Holleck

Gifts are designated for:

| Date | Program | Amount |
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| 2/28/2022 | Tornadoes - United States | \$100.00 |
| 3/30/2022 | Lutheran Disaster Response | \$145.00 |
| 4/30/2022 | Eastern Europe Crisis Response | \$869.00 |
| 3/30/2022 | Eastern Europe Crisis Response | \$2,045.00 |

FROM THE ST. PETER'S TECH TEAM

Greetings from the St. Peter's tech team. We met on September 4th and scheduled ourselves to stream the Sunday service through the end of the year. We look forward to continuing to stream the Sunday services live.

As we see the service through the camera's eye, we have two suggestions that might help us remember and include our members and friends participating in the service remotely.

First, when the camera pulls back to show the whole church the focus is on the center aisle and pews 1 through 6 (working backwards from the front.). If there are empty seats on the center aisle in these pews, please sit there. Sometimes the church will be full of people along the sides and in the back, but these pews are empty so participants at home can 't see the gathered congregation.

The second suggestion we have is that during the passing of the peace, consider standing in the aisle between pews 5 and 6 and look at the black camera on the upper left hand side of the sanctuary as you face the back of the church . Offer a wave or a sign of peace to anyone watching the service.

It is wonderful to be back together for worship and for the most part (fingers crossed) we have worked out the "kinks" in our streaming process. If anyone is interested in joining the tech team please let Pastor Tiffany, or one of us know.

It is not difficult and it's a lot of fun.

Come join us!

MJ Pattison, Gary Mann, Gayle Olson, Lou Meyer

Fellowship-Lunch-Meditation-Conversation



Thursday December 8th is cancelled.

This Pastoral Care event will resume in January.

Through the Lens of Science with Doug...

Doug Kenney is a retired science teacher who lives at Regal Care of Harwich and joyfully shares a monthly newsletter article with us. Call him at 508 430-6309.

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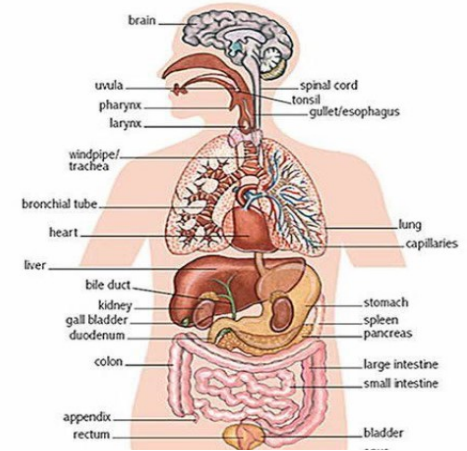


THE FUNCTIONS OF TONSILS AND BODY PARTS

This column deals with the first line of defense of the human immune system.

Tonsils are a pair of small, oval-shaped organs of tissue that surround your neck behind your tongue. They play a vital role in the overall health of your body.

Tonsils assist your immune system by producing antibodies that combat potential germs from undigested food in inhaled pathogens that could pass through your body. It's the tissue around your neck that accomplishes these tasks. Tonsils filter microorganisms such as bacteria and viruses keeping throat and lung infections at bay!



The most common tonsil is the palatine, but the adenoid is a close relative, both being lymphoid organs. The adenoid grows until the age of five then becomes very small in adulthood. The palatine reaches its largest size in puberty. The surface of tonsils have specialized antigen capture-cell that captures inhaled pathogens.

Tonsillitis occurs when tonsils become infected, a sore throat being a symptom. Cancer of tonsils is rare and most likely caused by heavy smokers, so let this be a warning!

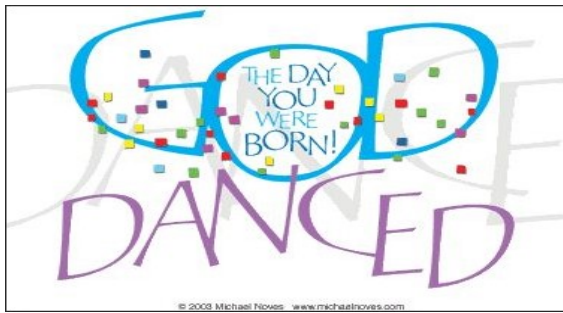
Body parts perform in an orderly manner making life an adventure. Billions of neurons and fibers enable the brain to communicate with body parts to make them perform as designed. The **pancreas** is an elongated gland that digests most of your food, sending excess food into the small intestine. The **kidneys** are a pair of organs that separate water from waste products. The **small intestine** digests the remaining food and drops bowel waste into the large intestine to be emptied on demand. The **appendix** is an outgrowth of the large intestine, it has no known function. The **bladder** is an inflatable sack that stores urine that originates in the kidneys. The **liver** is the largest organ in the human body with a substance for making red blood cells and metabolizes carbohydrates, and it excretes electrophile that puts into a gallbladder sack attached to the liver. The **gall bladder** digests fats and sends them to the small intestine.

Not all creatures, such as insects, have the same body parts, but the ones they have, perform precisely as they were designed. This is why a journey through life is such an incredible one! We should all thank God for this adventure.

A RESPONSE FROM PASTOR

The "adventure" I remember is having my tonsils removed at a very young age. I remember being scared, and upset that a parent could not accompany me. Hence, I was not a compliant patient, and apparently they had to strap me to the gurney. Not a pleasant memory. The human body is such a miracle (see Ps.139 on how we are fearfully and wonderfully made). However, when something is not working properly it can be both dangerous and scary. I am thankful for the times, as a minister, I can accompany people in the hospital, pray with them, and remind them of God's abiding presence with them. Let us give thanks for doctors and nurses and all who care for our bodies, and our whole selves, mind, body, and spirit!

December Birthdays and Anniversaries



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| Cheryl | Nixon | December 2 |
| Tom | Christensen | December 3 |
| Justin | Sontag | December 4 |
| Wayne | Anstey | December 6 |
| William | Crocker | December 8 |
| Skyeler | Sandison | December 8 |
| Marge | Stramowski | December 10 |
| Christine | Johnson | December 11 |
| John | Padgett | December 14 |
| Christian | Holleck | December 15 |
| Sam | Hammond | December 22 |
| Aaron | O'Gorman | December 23 |
| Megan | Kaser | December 23 |
| Linda | Czech | December 25 |
| Gretchen | Widegren | December 26 |
| David | Coomber | December 26 |
| Kathy | Glifort | December 27 |
| Nicholas | Kulak | December 27 |
| Doris | Copoulos | December 28 |
| Anastacia | Athas | December 28 |
| Peter | Huey | December 29 |

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| Beverly and Keeton | Arnett | December 17 |
| Marianne and William | O'Boyle | December 27 |
| Suzanne and Bruce | Bassett | December 30 |



Flowers are placed at the altar to the glory of God



on a woman's 75th birthday.

If you know someone with this special day coming up, please let us know.

**Update
your St. Peter's Directory**

If you have any changes, please send to:
office@stpeterscapecod.org



Palestinian Olive Oil

In support of a scholarship fund for Palestinian youth living in the West Bank we partner with The Tree of Life Educational Fund in Old Lyme, CT.



We recently hosted their fall community program here at St. Peters.

A new shipment of olive oil has arrived for your personal use and holiday gifting. We will have a table available for you on Sunday December 4th in the narthex.

\$20 for a 1 liter tin

\$25 for a 750 ml bottle with a gift bag

Cash or check will be appreciated.

One item where prices have not changed makes a perfect Christmas gift coming from the Holy Lands as well a contribution to the scholarship fund. If that Sunday doesn't work for you please call Nancy Hallberg-Emerson at 262-227-3395.

We thank you for your participation in this outreach ministry.



**There will be a coffee hour on December 18
in honor of Maggie's and Joanie's ministry among us.**

Seen and Celebrated

Thank you to Chris, Ken and Paul for help with the dump run in order to make space for the Cranberry Fair. We're grateful for your trucks!



Thanks, Lynne, Lou, Gayle and Russ, for decorating the church for Advent! You were amazing in your determination to get it done! And Charlotte, Georgia, and Judy, thanks for doing the crimson tree! We appreciate your help!



Memorial Garden

If you would like to help in the maintenance of the Memorial Garden, consider joining us. New members always welcome! We communicate mostly via email, with limited face to face meetings only if needed. Just send me an email and I will add you to our committee.

Commemorative Bricks - Commemorative bricks are always available! With the holidays coming up, it makes a lovely gift to honor the memory of a loved one, create your own sentiment, or be acknowledged as a contributor with your name(s). Now would be a perfect time to order. Inscriptions are up to two lines of 20 letters each (including spaces.) Note that no special symbols are allowed. Cost is \$55 per brick.

Order forms available in the Narthex or from office staff.
Questions/thoughts? Contact Lynn Hatch email Lchatch1@comcast.net
or cell phone 732-236-8114

We're hiring!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Harwich is seeking to hire a Ministry Administrator who is competent, committed, efficient, self-motivated, and has a sense of humor.

We're looking for a person who is:

- ✚ Hospitable with strong organizational and communication skills
- ✚ Proficient in Microsoft Office and Word Press and willing to learn One Church, MailChimp, and OBS
- ✚ Excellent time manager, able to multi-task and prioritize work, paying attention to detail
- ✚ Desiring to work in a multi-faceted church and interact with many people in the congregation and community

What we're offering:

- ✚ 25 hours/week over 4 or 5 days
- ✚ 25/hour
- ✚ Paid time off
- ✚ Reports to the Co-Pastors and Church Council

For the position description follow this link:
<http://www.stpeterslutherancapecod.org/>

Send a letter of introduction and resume to
Rev. Tiffany Nicely Holleck
at stpeterhar@gmail.com



This calendar is updated regularly and posted on our website.
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St. Peter's Web Calendar

Today ▾ December 2022 ▾

Print Week Month Agenda ▾

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| 9:30am Worship in Sanctuary | 27 9am Flora's Bridge Group 1pm Loaves and Fish Pantry 6pm A.W.O.L. in Mark classroo 6:30pm Chatham Chorale Chan | 28 8:10am St. Peter's Sojourners 9:30am Worship Staff meeting 11am Staff Meeting 12:30pm Flora's Bridge Group 2pm Broad Reach Grief Group- | 29 11:30am Bridge group 2pm Loaves and Fish Pantry 3:15pm Confirmation Class - Jo 4:30pm First Communion Class 3pm Choir rehearsal | 30 10am Staff Support Meeting 11:30am Loaves & Fish Food Pa 11:30am Pleasant Bay Worship 3pm Choir rehearsal 4:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal 6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship t 6:30pm NAMI Meeting | Dec 1 10am Loaves and Fish Pantry 12pm Flora's Bridge Group 4pm SMMC Worship | 2 9:30am First Communion Class 2pm SMMC Set up and Rehear 4pm SMMC Worship | 3 |
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Tuesday, December 13

2pm Broad Reach Grief Group-I
6pm Council meeting

December Prayer List

Births:

Lydia Jane Silveria
(J. Silveria's great-grandchild)

Grieving, friends and family of:

Ingrid Bamber
(P. Flood's mother), 11/20
Barbara Carlson, 11/16
Pem Schultz, 11/16
Marie Jose Louis
(R. Jolibois' mother), 11/15
Frank Stauss, 11/4

Hospital:

Rhonda Sandison
Paul Luciano
John Calinka (L. Hatch's friend)
Joan Dennison
(B. McWilliams' friend)
Casey Paige Epperson
(infant grandchild of Hall's niece)
Bill Heffernan
J. Stewart Huey (P. Huey's brother)
Evelyn Keahey
(C. Kaufmann's friend)
Abby Liberty (Olson's niece)
Mike Mazzagatti
(Wanko's relative)
Gladys Valdivieso
(C. Samples' friend)
Jessie Watkins and Joz Thran
(Deb Scott's friends)
Sally White (B. Niemi's friend)
Shane Xenos (J. Lampson's friend)
Judy Yandersits (Davis' friend)

Rehab

Sesle Olsen
Flo Basset (P. Avellar's relative)
Joyce Oppen (S. Dennis Healthcare)
Barbara Starsky
(M. O'Boyle's relative)
Edward Wordell
(B. Dale's relative)

Nursing Home/Assisted Living

Richard Allard
(RegalCare @ Harwich)
Marge Gibbs
(Maplewood Brewster)
Donna Knight (K. Campbell's friend)
Larry Kingsbury
(Maplewood Brewster)
Hank Ritz (Pleasant Bay)

Members Out of the Area:

Doris & Nick Copoulos
Ginny Just
Judy Olson (Sunrise of Leominster)
Charlotte Walek

At Home:

Bev Arnett
Jane Wordsworth
Judy Sands (D. Kean's sister)
Diana Agnes
(Tammy Hine's relative)
Heather Albrecht
(L. Thomas' niece)
Robert Alexander
(K. Begg's friend)
Connie Alfano (A. Glifort's niece)
Bob Anstatt (Joan Ettore's brother)
Peter Avellar
Eric Avellar
Baby Sydney (Davis' friend)
Christa Barescu
Gayla Bergman
Deanna Blair (Meyer's friend)
Juliet Bongfeldt
Lisa Brett (Kamens' daughter)
Joan Burgert
Carol Burgess
Bonny Burke-Friedman
Keith Campbell
Kent Campbell (K. Campbell's brother)
Lucie Carlsen
Dave Carlsen (Lucie's son)
Vern Christensen
Dave Coomber
Colleen Connelly
(B. Niemi's friend)
Marcia Cupery (Pattison's friend)
Colleen and Gregory Davidson
(friends of Tiffany's)
Eileen De Gregorio
(friend of Bergmans)
Marie Denardo (Douglas' friend)
Dennison Family
(B. McWilliams friend)
Mark Desrosier
(C. Hackbarth's relative)
Kathy DiSilvestri
(G. Olson's friend)
Carolyn Dorné
(B. McWilliams' sister)
Dolores Donlan (J. Zippo's sister)
Ruth Duben
Nellie Dumas (Kamens' relative)
Marguerite Heffernan
Dartania Emery (P. Huey's friend)
Jennifer Estabrooke (J. Langelier's friend)
Fawn Foster (J. Fairchild's friend)
Sue Freimuth
Sean Gleason (D. Scott's friend)
Cody Harris (Wanko's nephew)
Debbie Hayn (P. Webster's daughter)
Donna Hoffman (Davis' friend)

Lee Hudson (S. Krum's friend)
Eugene Jackson (Wanko's relative)
Jan Jager (D. Coomber's sister)
Dorothy Jenssen
Kim Johnson (D. Stauss' friend)
Ernie Joy (K. Begg's brother-in-law)
Christian Just (G. Just's brother)
Naomi Just (G. Just's sister)
Kate Langsen
Bruce Langsen
Paul LaPense (Geraldine's family)
Blake Luvon (Vaughan's son)
Catherine Lee (B. Dale's daughter)
Elaine Lensel (S. Krum's friend)
Sam MacAusland (Deb Scott's friend)
Valerie Mann
Tom McMillan (B. Kamen's friend)
Cynthia Miller (Vaughan's friend)
Ximena Mrazek (L. Duran's friend)
Brian O'Gorman
Carolyn Overton
Jayne Padgett
John Peak
Michael Phillips (Bulin's son)
Cathy Samples
Charles Samples (C. Sample's brother)
Chiz Schworer (S. Krum's friend)
Dawn Selden (D. Steber's friend)
Kathy Shea (S. Krum's friend)
Cindy Slater (Bassett's friend)
Rev. Jimm Smith (C. Douglas' friend)
Al Speyer (Archambault's friend)
Diane Stauss
Ryan Steber (D. Steber's nephew)
Brent Stello (Stello's grandson)
Baby Sydney (Davis' friend)
Jan Tornblom (D. Kean's relative)
Lawrence Vanderhoff (B. Niemi's friend)
Elizabeth Vant (Pattison's daughter)
Ursula Wanko
Althea Wellman (L. Meyer's cousin)
Bennett Widmer
(J. Oppen's great-grandson)
Sarah Werkmen (D. Stauss' friend)
John Zippo
Gene Zippo (J. Zippo's brother)

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