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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 February

SAVE THE DATE!
Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 26
After worship in Fellowship Hall
and on Zoom

OFFICE HOURS

9 am to 3:30 pm
Mondays to Thursdays



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

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

Centering Prayer

Tuesdays, February 14 & 28 @ 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

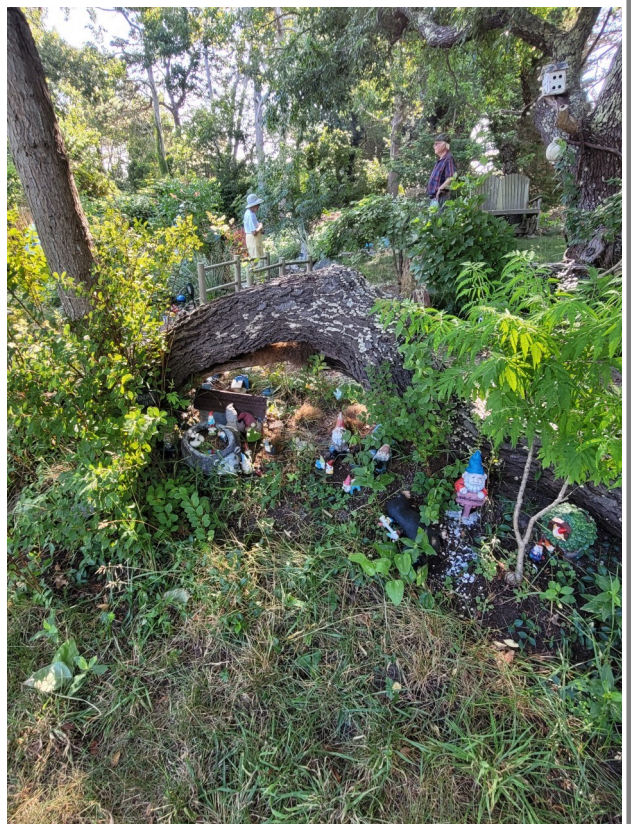
We continue to invite new walkers and ask that they email [Lynn Hatch \(Lchatch1@comcast.net\)](mailto:Lchatch1@comcast.net) if they wish to join the group and get updated info on where our walks will be.

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

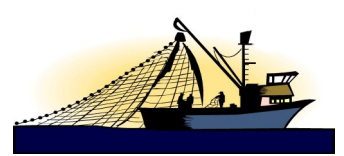
Masks are not required for the walk, but must be worn if breakfast establishments require them. We always plan on going to breakfast after each walk.

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.



View From the Deck



Navigating Change

"The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever." Psalm 136

I was venturing into the Atlantic Ocean on the eastern coast of Uruguay on our recent vacation to South America. There were some ferocious breaking waves much like there sometimes are on the National Seashore. What made things so unpredictable was that the sand below my feet was constantly shifting. It would get deeper and I thought I could swim, and then suddenly there was another sandbank, over which there was a new set of thundering waves. I was determined to face the waves - and as soon as a large one crashed over me- to resolutely swim for deeper, calmer water. I knew, though, with some trepidation, that I would have to return through those waves once more. I, therefore, had brought an inflatable swim buoy with me, firmly strapped around my waist. Floatation. Stability. Safety.

Reflecting on this experience metaphorically, I wonder, how will we face the waters in front of us? How will we face our own fears? How will we prepare? What (or who) buoys us?

I've been thinking about uncertainty and change. I think about many beloved church members who have died over the years, about the many staff positions we have filled for custodians, musicians and administrators. Each farewell causes some anxiety and stress. Each new hire also brings joy, excitement and possibility for new relationships and renewed ministry.

Change and transition can be challenging at any and every stage of life. I've experienced a child bursting into tears when a congregational version of the Lord's Prayer was different from the one he had just learned. I've experienced older adults wrestling with giving up a beloved home to move into assisted living or skilled nursing.

How do you do with change?

Are you the kind of person who regularly changes the pictures on your wall or the furniture in your room? Or has it been the same for longer than you can remember?

Do you find it easy or challenging to accept changes in technology, culture, health, church, people? How do you cope with uncertainty and change you cannot control?

Our liturgy is rooted in scripture, history and tradition. It connects us with

View From the Deck

people across space and time who have or are professing the creed, praying the Lord's prayer, proclaiming the word and sharing in the sacraments. Each season in our church year recalls a time of great transition and change. For example, in Advent we are mindful of the transition and change that loomed large for Mary and Joseph. At Epiphany we recall the transition and change Jesus embraced when he was baptized and began his public ministry. As we now approach Lent, we remember Jesus' journey to Calvary, a journey with much transition and change for Jesus and his disciples, change that they, more often than not, feared and resisted. Interestingly, even those Jesus healed, were sometimes resistant and afraid of the change that healing might bring. The journey through Lent and into Easter is one of transition and change. It is for us, a time of remembering that we are dust and to dust we shall return. But transition and change are not only part of the journey that marks our mortality. Transition and change are also the way to growth, discipleship, Easter resurrection, and new life.

On this day, my orange swim buoy reminds me that we don't navigate shifting sands and crashing waves alone. The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

Pastor Christian



Meet our new Ministry Administrator!

Susan Madigan Kiehnau is the new Ministry Administrator. She grew up in Concord, MA and spent summers in Brewster. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke College and Suffolk University Law School. Susan and her husband Mike have been married for thirty years. After twenty-six years living outside of MA (in TX, VA, GA, and MI), they moved to Yarmouth Port three and a half years ago. They have three grown children: Caroline, 20 is a sophomore at Franklin Pierce University in NH; Eric, 25, graduated from the University of Texas, Austin with a degree in radio-television and film and has a video editing company in TX; and Andrew, 28, currently resides in Norfolk, VA after graduating from Annapolis with an aerospace engineering degree. Susan has worked for seven years as a church administrator. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, gardening and reading. Susan's office hours will be Mondays-Thursdays.



The Organ Project

In light of the decision made at the Special Congregational Meeting of October 2nd, the following task forces have been formed, meeting both collaboratively and independently:

“Design and Construction,” co-chaired by Rich Archambault, Tony Esposito, and Jim Wordsworth

“Fundraising and Communication” co-chaired by Kathy Glifort and Gayle Olson

These teams collaboratively formulated the following visions:

Vision for the Sanctuary Space Modifications and the Organ

Sanctuary Space

Inviting and Accessible

More Open and Flexible for Worship and appropriate cultural and interfaith events

Safety and Security

Worship- to increase participation through modifications of:

Acoustics, Lighting, Visibility, Flexibility, and Accessibility

The modifications are being implemented in the spirit of connecting the sacred with the local.

Vision for the New Southfield Pipe Organ:

As a gift from God, music is an integral part of our worship and congregational life.

The introduction of the pipe organ will enrich -

Worship -by supporting and strengthening:

congregational hymn singing

liturgy sung by congregation

musical offerings

Outreach – by offering new opportunities for engagement through

interfaith or ecumenical worship

attracting new members and friends

recitals and concert series

Education- by becoming a center for musical training through

the use of the pipe organ for lessons and workshops

UPDATES FROM URUGUAY

Joanna's January 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.

January has been a month very much outside of the normal routine I'd started to settle into here in Montevideo. As the height of summer, January is a month of vacations for most of the country of Uruguay. I was surprised at how many markets closed, how church services were only offered twice in the month, and how all the activities that I volunteer with were put on a four week hiatus. It seems almost as if someone pushed a pause button for the entire city, and everyone set off for one of Uruguay's many beaches.

I was lucky enough to pass this vacation time with a diverse collection of people, places and adventures. I started the month at a youth retreat in Argentina with the other YAGM volunteers and a small group of young adults aged 15-25 from all over Argentina. The retreat, an annual project of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina and Uruguay, focused on environmental sustainability and what we, as a Church, can do to take better care of our earth and our water. Our small group discussions and key speaker workshops focused on current issues like the injustices of the global food system and why this is something we should care about as Lutherans. We also enjoyed typical summer camp activities: campfires, time in the swimming pool, arts and crafts, and singing camp songs.

After the retreat, I was lucky enough to spend 10 days on vacation with my parents, sister and grandmother, who came to visit me from the United States. One of the highlights for me was visiting the Perito Moreno glacier in Patagonia, which was a stunning part of God's creation unlike anything I had ever seen before. I was also happy for the chance to show parts of Uruguay to my family. It was both fun and meaningful to share pieces of my new community with them, including a nice dinner with my mentor Daniela, the empanada restaurant near my house, and a worship service at Nuestro Salvador.

It was also fun for me to visit places in Uruguay that I hadn't been to yet on my own, including the famous art and architecture museum Casapueblo and the beach town of Barra de Valizas. Although beach towns in Uruguay are very popular tourist destinations, they seem much less touristy than most US



With my sister at the Perito Moreno glacier



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At the Casapueblo museum, which overlooks the Atlantic

American beach towns. Key characteristics of Uruguayan beach towns include small cabins without wifi, hammocks hanging on almost every porch and quaint local restaurants along a singular main street. In other words, similar to the general differences between the United States and Uruguay, the differences in vacationing in the two countries seems to be that Uruguay has a more relaxed and slower pace of life.

At the end of the month, work at El Sembrador started up again with a meeting to plan the rest of the year and an evening worship service. The service, which was held outside, was a small service with only five people in attendance, but was complete with hymns, scripture, a sermon and

communion. Communion was very much a community experience: each person took turns passing the wafers and the wine to the person next to them so that we administered communion to each other. Worship services like these cause me to reflect on what it means to worship together in different settings, ways and communities.

Small services like the ones at El Sembrador, and even the Sunday services at church at Nuestro Salvador, remind me of the evening worship services I had with a group of Lutheran students while in college. Despite the low attendance, I always found the time together meaningful and enjoyed getting to know the other students more personally. Worshipping with these fellow students was deeply enriching and was a great chance to realize that meaningful faith experiences can happen in simple ways. Instead of finding it disappointing that more people didn't participate, I was grateful for the strong faith shared among those who did show up. Now, I feel similarly about the services at El Sembrador and Nuestro Salvador and I am grateful that this year of service has provided me with the gift of worshiping in new ways and with new people.

Overall, January was a unique month for me with chances to enjoy both family and memories of home and new adventures, and I am excited to see what the rest of the year will bring.



Worship with my family and the congregation of Nuestro Salvador



Day Greeter Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers to function as day greeters. Phyllis Webster, day greeter coordinator, gives this list of helpful tasks the day greeters accomplish to assist the staff and keep the church running smoothly:

Welcome people coming into the church

answering calls or taking messages

Be available to do things the administrators or pastors need

Call worship leaders to confirm they are scheduled for the coming Sunday

Check the pews to be sure hymnals are straight and the envelopes are available

Water plants in the Narthex and Luther Room

You will be surprised how rewarding this is. If you would like to volunteer please call Phyllis at (508) 385-6408. And thank you!

Stories from the Southern Border

In the spring of 2019, fourteen members of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America traveled to El Paso, Texas to hear personal stories from those who live near the US-Mexican border.

The border situation with its surge of refugees is a controversial topic of headlines but it is also a humanitarian crisis with faces and names of real people. Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey (Christ the King Lutheran Church), an ELCA congregation, works with partners to minister to people on both sides of the border. It is located in a low-income Latino district in central El Paso. The congregation primarily consists of first-generation and second-generation Mexicans. *The average annual income is \$10,000-\$15,000 a year. Led by Pastor Rose-Mary Sanchez-Guzman, they support migrants by providing meals, assistance in securing housing and other essential services.*

This is a traveling display of photographs taken at the southern border that will be at St. Peter's from February 5—26.



A photo exhibit by Rolf Larsen, a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Natick, MA

Christian Education

Midweek Lenten Program

Lent begins on with Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023.

Midweek Lenten worship at 12 noon, followed by a simple luncheon, will be offered the Wednesdays in Lent:

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5.

If you would like to assist with providing food, please contact Diane Stauss.

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!

February 1 and 15, March 1 and 15, and April 5 and 19.

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



Sunday School

It was an exciting Fall: 3 baptisms, first Communion classes, and a wonderful Christmas Pageant!

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

See you for all the fun downstairs!

Mrs. Megan and Mrs. Judy



Did you know that....

There is a **grief group** that meets here every Tuesday at 2:00 pm. Run by Broad Reach Hospice's bereavement coordinator, Rebecca Chesbro, it is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. You are welcome to join in.

St. Peter's Ministries



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Note: The St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry will change meeting dates this month.

We will revert back to meeting on the first and third Fridays of the month. So plan to join us on Friday, February 3rd and Friday February 17th at 1:30 in the Luther Room.

There continues to be a need for prayer shawls and at this time we would welcome some baby-size blankets.



Esther Circle

In January the Esther Circle met and was able to distribute funds to various organizations which we continue to support. The members plan to gather on February 14th for a meeting and Valentine lunch.

February weather tends to be cold and messy so please be careful and stay well!



Sacred Sorrow

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

The St. Peter's ministry for bereaved parents will meet on Thursday, February 16th at 1:30. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a child is welcome to join us. It truly helps to be with others who have had a similar experience and if you are further along in your grief journey you may be able to help someone who is just beginning theirs.

"When someone you love dies, it changes your life forever. It's not something you 'get over,' the loss now becomes part of who you are." - Zoe Clark-Coates
sayinggoodby.org

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



No PSALM Meeting planned for February.

Next PSALM Meeting
Thursday, March 9th at 7:00pm

Our mission: To support women and children in need
in our neighborhood and around the world.

Happy Valentine's Day!



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

The Loaves and Fishes Pantry received several big donations during December and we wanted to pass on our thanks to everyone who helps us keep the shelves stocked. We wish that all of you could see how excited the clients get when they find something special. A young family came in just after we had put out over two full carts of donated groceries. It was priceless to see the smile on the daughter's face when she saw the jars of pickles and watch her try to decide between the dill or the bread and butter pickles. Her mom was equally as excited about the Worcestershire Sauce. These are items that some families do without if the food budget is limited. If you come across any "Buy one, get one free" sales, consider putting the second one in your basket and dropping the "free" item in our donation barrel. One of our friendly church neighbors has been doing this when soup and cereal are on sale. At a recent meeting with all of the managers of the Lower Cape Outreach Council Pantries, we learned that there will be a big reduction in support for families when the Covid benefits are cut at the end of March and will need to be prepared for a continued increase in the number of clients. Please bring in any brown grocery bags you have been saving and we will make sure they get filled.

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Have you heard the buzz about Christian Nationalism? At first glance, this seems like something that might seem desirable. After all, we are Christians, and nationalism might seem like patriotism, or love for one's country.

But according to the organization Christians Against Christian Nationalism, the movement is actually 'a political ideology that seeks to merge Christian and American identities, distorting both the Christian faith and America's constitutional democracy.'

Rooted in love for our neighbors, our faith calls us to support equal citizenship for people of all faiths or no faith, and not to privilege Christians over others in our civic life, as Christian Nationalists would have it. This principle is clear in the first amendment to our national Constitution, which states: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. Even George Washington himself, in a letter to a synagogue in Providence, wrote that our government '...gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens...' Additionally, Elizabeth Eaton, the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, along with other ELCA clergy and endorses from multiple denominations, has signed the document Christians Against Christian Nationalism (christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/statement).

The JustPeace team at St Peter's, desiring to publicize information about Christian Nationalism, has made plans to offer a series of videos, followed by discussion, on this important topic. We invite anyone interested to join us on the following dates after worship in the fellowship hall:

February 12:
Confronting Christian Nationalism in
Your Congregation

February 19:
White Christian Nationalism:
How Racism Undergirds Christian
Nationalism

Third session date TBD



We plan to livestream the sessions for those who cannot attend in person.

Please email the church office if you would like a link to the discussion. Links for the videos are below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYORiuUUU_U CN in Your Congregation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeqIBOLfUcA> White Christian Nationalism

Neighbors in Need

The JustPeace Team has become aware of several community needs which St Peter's members—or their friends—might be able to address. If you can help, please contact Juliet Bongfeldt (bongfeldtj@gmail.com) for more information.



1. Joelle N'Tumba, seeking asylum from Congo with her husband and daughter, (supported by the Refugee Support Team of Nauset Interfaith Association) recently received her driver's license, but is now in need of an automobile. If you know of a working car at a reasonable (or low!) price, let us know.
2. The Perez-Santoyo family, whom Safe Harbors is supporting, will shortly need to move out of the house which Safe Harbors is renting for them, as the house will be sold. Please let us know if you are aware of an apartment, one or two bedrooms, preferably in the West Yarmouth or Hyannis area, at a reasonable price.
3. A relative of a member died unexpectedly recently and left two loving and compatible kitties in need of a home. The person's daughter, who lives in another state, would prefer not to give them to a shelter. Anybody care to share some love?

Creation Care

Did you know that the New England Synod has a Green Team?



If the environment is something that concerns you, and you would like to learn more about how to care for it, check out [Lutherans Restoring Creation.org](http://LutheransRestoringCreation.org) for a monthly mailing and oodles of information and resources.

If you'd like to be on the New England Synod Green Team, email mwhyte@nesynod.org. And then share what you find out.

The JustPeace Team would love to have your input.

We welcome you to our monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.



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!

1 hour
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 Susan at the church office or by talking with Pastor Tiffany.



Council Corner notes



Highlights of January 2023

- † Discussed potential rent from Cape Cod Christian Academy of our education wing for \$20,000-\$25,000. They would be using the education wing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for 10 months. Agreed to move forward after discussion with Academy and congregation. More to come as this gets finalized.
- † Our new Ministry Administrator Susan Madigan Kiehnau will start Monday, January 30, 2023
- † Financial report by Ross Olsen. Will be discussed more fully at annual meeting
- † Stained glass window repair is in process and should be completed by late April
- † Reviewed the nominating committee choices for open council and committee seats. Still being reviewed.
- † Committees have been formed and have met initially regarding fund raising and planning for new organ

Next Council meeting: 2/7/2023

Respectively Submitted
Kathy Glifort, Council Secretary

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Thank You for Your Generous Giving!

Thanks to all for your response to our requests for 2023 Estimates of Giving. There were seventeen revised pledges received in the amount of \$18,455 after a letter was sent out on behalf of the Church Council on January 1. With these revised pledges and the original pledges received, we have increased this year's pledged amount by \$22,977 more than 2022. This additional income will be used to reduce the projected 2023 operating budget deficit.

THANK YOU for your generous giving to support St. Peter's.

“Thinking of You” Project

Beginning this month in order to foster a connection with those who are unable to attend church for various reasons there will be a selection of blank notecards provided in the Narthex along with a list of names and addresses.

You may kindly select a card and a person from the list, write a short “Thinking of You” message, address the card and leave it to be mailed by St. Peter’s. Then place a check mark next to the person’s name.

Thank you for helping to spread God’s love and care.

Nauset Neighbors

Want to make a difference in a neighbor’s life? Join Nauset Neighbors, an all-volunteer non-profit organization, that helps senior stay in their homes and active in their communities. You can help by providing friendly visits, rides to appointments, tech assistance and simple handyman tasks. Volunteering is easy and flexible. Sign up online to help when it fits your schedule.

The members helped by Nauset Neighbors live in your communities of Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Harwich, Orleans, and Wellfleet. There is a waiting list of seniors who need a hand. You can shorten their wait by volunteering with Nauset Neighbors.

Contact the group at: nausetneighbors.org or call at 508-514-7067

NOTES AND LETTERS

To Pastors Tiffany and Christian and our siblings at St. Peter's:

Dear friends;

Sesle and I want to express our deep gratitude for your visits, calls, prayers, cards and support during this difficult time in our lives. Sesle did well with her shoulder replacement surgery and is on the path to recovery. Though it is a long road, we are making progress each day. We look forward to the day when we will be worshipping regularly with you all in person once again.

Sesle and Peter Olsen



To my St. Peter's Family,

Thank you so much for your cards and caring words on the loss of my husband Frank. Before we moved to Cape Cod, and we were still camping at Nickerson State Park, we would drive past St. Peter's and Frank would say "When we move to the Cape, this is the church we will go to." I said, "Sure," thinking I was never moving to the Cape. However, as usual, he knew it would happen. And St. Peter's Lutheran Church became our church.

Thank you, Frank. I felt so blessed when so many of St. Peter's members were there for me and my family at his time of passing.

A special thank you to Pastors Tiffany and Christian for words of comfort and caring. Thank you to the Collation Team and St. Peter's bakers for yummy desserts. Thank you, Maggie, for beautiful music and thank you, Pastor Christian, for playing the Cello; Frank loved hearing you play and I know he heard you that day.

With love and blessings to all, Diane Stauss and family

We love to hear from you!

Send your updates to...
office@stpeterscapecod.org

Or
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NOTES AND LETTERS

Saint Peter's Church
The Psalm Group
c/o Ms. Elaine Davis



01/03/22

Dear Saint Peter's Church,
The holidays for so many families can be a stressful time which overrides the joy and spirit of the season. Your kindness and generosity helps to alleviate some of this stress for our families.

We are so lucky to have the support of Saint Peter's Church for the families of need at Orleans Elementary School.

Your generosity of gift cards will change their lives for the better on Christmas morning. With your generous donation of gift cards, families were able to purchase some exciting toys and clothing necessities for their children. Additionally, the grocery cards lay the foundation for a special holiday family dinner. Your donations give families hope, because they feel supported and less alone! We are incredibly thankful for donors such as you!

Thank you for all your generosity during the holiday season!

With gratitude,

Mary Ellen Reed
Nauset District Nurse Leader

and Jessica White
Orleans Elementary School Nurse

Dear Co-Pastors,

Whenever I attend a service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, I feel at peace. The funeral service for Rhonda Sandison was especially meaningful. The focus was completely on Rhonda and exhibited a lot of caring and love. The homily was beautiful...the music was lovely, as well as the performance by the handbell choir. The work done by the "kitchen workers" also showed a lot of caring.

Thank you for everything that was done for Rhonda and her family.

Sincerely, Lorraine Stec (Rhonda's mother-in-law)

Through the Lens of Science with Doug...

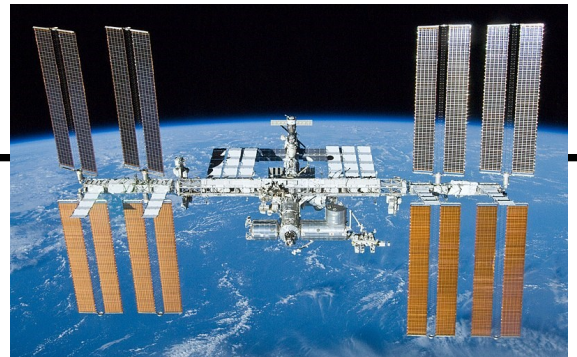
Doug Kenney is a retired science teacher who lives at Regal Care of Harwich and joyfully shares a monthly newsletter article with us. Call him at 508 430-6309.

THE WONDERS OF SPACE STATIONS

The I.S.S. (International Space Station) is a man-made wonder. It was built for NASA, ESA, the Russians and Japanese by Boeing. It's an excellent platform for viewing 85 percent of Earth's surface. It orbits our planet 15 times in one day at an altitude of about 250 miles, well beyond the outer limits of our atmosphere. It weights over a million tons and is occupied by a crew of 7 at any given time. It has two bathrooms, a gymnasium, a 360 degree bay window and more living room than a 6 bedroom apartment! Over 50 computers control everything in sight, and a 55 foot robot arm can lift 100 tons at a time. Ten modules with 4" thick walls covered with 1" think aluminum are built to withstand impacts. Waste water is recycled for drinking and washing.

Air conditioners regulate oxygen levels, temperature, and humidity. Eight solar arrays provide about 100 kilowatts of electricity, and there are 3 solid fuel thrusters that will automatically fire to change the station's altitude to avoid being hit by a meteoroid or any other debris. Robots keep a close watch on dangerous solar radiation. Crews will come and go via international shuttle service as well as keep the I.S.S. well-stocked.

In time, NASA plans to build another space station called Gateway designed to orbit the moon! It will carry ascenders, so visits to and from the moon can be scheduled to perhaps build a colony on the moon with air conditioned huts.



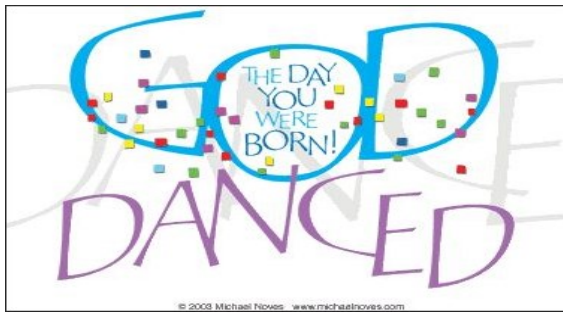
A RESPONSE FROM PASTOR

Have you ever wanted to see the ISS? I'd love to go and visit in person, but since flight training and space survival skills are not on my skills list, I'll have to settle for looking at it as it flies overhead.

You can spot the International Space Station. Go to <https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/home.cfm> and put in your zip code to learn when you can see the ISS fly overhead. Find a dark area and marvel at the wonder of the space station!

— Pastor Tiffany

February Birthdays and Anniversaries



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|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Ellen | Goode | February 2 |
| Suzanne | Bassett | February 2 |
| James | Glaser | February 4 |
| Christopher | Bellis | February 4 |
| Carol | Barina | February 7 |
| Karen | Beggs | February 9 |
| Chris | Crane | February 10 |
| Ronald | Gauch | February 13 |
| Joseph | O'Gorman | February 13 |
| Barbara | Kamens | February 20 |
| Betsy | Dickinson | February 21 |
| Flora | Hall | February 23 |
| Jane | Silveria | February 27 |
| Marianne | O'Boyle | February 28 |
| Charlie | Czech | February 28 |
| Wayne | Glifort | February 28 |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Cathryn Samples and David Samples | February 2 |
| Lynn and Richard Archambault | February 7 |
| Bob and Elaine Davis | February 14 |



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.

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your St. Peter's Directory**

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

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St. Peter's Web Calendar

Today ▶▶▶ February 2023 ▼

Print Week Month Agenda ▼

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| | | | Feb 1 | | | |
| 9:30am Worship in Sanctuary | 29
9am Monomoy Bridge Club
1pm Loaves and Fish Pantry
6pm A.W.O.L. in Mark classroo
7pm Chatham Chorale Celtic R | 30
8:40am St. Peter's Sojourners
11am Staff Meeting
12:30pm Monomoy Bridge Club
2pm Broad Reach Grief Group | 31
First Day of Black History Mo
11am Worship @ The Victorian
11:30am Kathy's Bridge Club
2pm Loaves and Fish Pantry
3:15pm Confirmation Class - Jo
6pm Choir rehearsal | 2
10am Staff Support Meeting
11:30am Loaves & Fish Food Pa
2pm Pleasant Bay Worship
6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship t
7pm Chatham Chorale Rehears | 3
10am Loaves and Fish Pantry
12pm Monomoy Bridge Club | 4
2pm SMMC Set up and Rehear
4pm SMMC Worship |
| 5
9:30am Worship in Sanctuary
10:15am Sunday School | 6
9am Monomoy Bridge Club
1pm Loaves and Fish Pantry
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6pm A.W.O.L. in Mark classroo
7pm Chatham Chorale Celtic R | 7
8:40am St. Peter's Sojourners
11am Staff Meeting
12:30pm Monomoy Bridge Club
2pm Broad Reach Grief Group-
4pm Y.O.H. Board Meeting
6pm Council and Finance joint
7pm Chatham Choral Rehears; 7pm Girl Scout Svcce Unit-Mark | 8
11:30am Kathy's Bridge Club
2pm Loaves and Fish Pantry
3:15pm Confirmation Class - Jo
6pm Y.O.H. Board Meeting
6pm Choir rehearsal | 9
11:30am Loaves & Fish Food Pa
6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship t
12pm Monomoy Bridge Club | 10
10am Loaves and Fish Pantry
12pm Monomoy Bridge Club | 11
2pm SMMC Set up and Rehear
4pm SMMC Worship |
| 12
9:30am Worship in Sanctuary | 13
9am Monomoy Bridge Club
1pm Loaves and Fish Pantry
3pm JustPeace Meeting - Luthy
6pm A.W.O.L. in Mark classroo
7pm Chatham Chorale Celtic R | 14
Valentine's Day
8:40am St. Peter's Sojourners
10am Centering Prayer in Sanc
11am Staff Meeting
12:30pm Monomoy Bridge Club
12:30pm Esther Circle in John C
-2 mole | 15
11:30am Kathy's Bridge Club
2pm Loaves and Fish Pantry
3:15pm Confirmation Class - Jo
6pm Choir rehearsal | 16
11:30am Loaves & Fish Food Pa
1:30pm Sacred Sorrow - Luther
12pm Monomoy Bridge Club
7pm Chatham Chorale Rehears | 17
10am Loaves and Fish Pantry
12pm Monomoy Bridge Club | 18
2pm SMMC Set up and Rehear
4pm SMMC Worship |
| 19
9:30am Worship in Sanctuary
10:15am Sunday School | 20
President's Day
9am Monomoy Bridge Club
1pm Loaves and Fish Pantry
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:30pm SPLC @ Faith Family Ki
6pm A.W.O.L. in Mark classroo | 21
8:40am St. Peter's Sojourners
11am Staff Meeting
12:30pm Monomoy Bridge Club
2pm Broad Reach Grief Group-
6pm Council meeting | 22
11:30am Kathy's Bridge Club
2pm Loaves and Fish Pantry
3:15pm Confirmation Class - Jo
6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship t
7pm Chatham Chorale Rehears | 23
10am Pastoral Care Team meet
11:30am Loaves & Fish Food Pa
12pm Monomoy Bridge Club | 24
10am Loaves and Fish Pantry
12pm Monomoy Bridge Club | 25
2pm SMMC Set up and Rehear
4pm SMMC Worship |
| 26
9:30am Worship in Sanctuary
10:15am Annual meeting | 27
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4pm SMMC Worship |

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York

Tuesday, February 14



2pm Broad Reach Grief Group-Luther Ro
5:30pm Council Officers

Calendar as of 1-25-2023

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February Prayer List

Grieving, friends and family of:

Rhonda Sandison 1/6

Hospital:

Robert Alexander (K. Begg's friend)

Alana Brandon (C. Nixon's sister)
John Calinka (L. Hatch's friend)
Joan Dennison (B. McWilliams' friend)
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)
Sally Steinmann
Gladys Valdivieso (C. Samples' friend)
Jessie Watkins and Joe Thran
(Deb Scott's friends)
Sally White (B. Niemi's friend)

Rehab

Flo Basset (P. Avellar'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

At Home:

Valerie Mann

Vern Christensen

Joyce Oppen

Dave Colangal (M. Heffernan friend)

Sue Alexander (Beggs' friend)

Shane Xenos (J. Lampson's friend)

Santos Guebara (Lisvania's friend)

Diana Agnes (Tammy Hine's relative)

Heather Albrecht (L. Thomas' niece)

Connie Alfano (A. Glifort's niece)

Bob Anstatt (Joan Ettore's brother)

Bev Arnett

Eric Avellar

Peter Avellar

Christa Barescu

Gayla Bergman

Deanna Blair (Meyer's friend)

Juliet Bongfeldt

Lisa Brett (B. Kamens' daughter)

Carol Burgess

Bonny Burke-Friedman

Keith Campbell

Kent Campbell (K. Campbell's brother)

Dave Carlsen (Lucie's son)

Colleen Connelly (B. Niemi's friend)

Marcia Cupery (Pattison's friend)

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)

Dartania Emery (P. Huey's friend)

Jennifer Estabrooke (J. Langelier's friend)

Fawn Foster (J. Fairchild's friend)

Barbara Gannon

Sean Gleason (D. Scott's friend)

Santos Guebara (Bruce Bassett's friend)

Cody Harris (Wanko's nephew)

Al Haversat

Debbie Hayn (P. Webster's daughter)

Marguerite Heffernan

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)

Paul Luciano

Blake Luvon (Vaughan's son)

Catherine Lee (B. Dale's daughter)

Elaine Lensel (S. Krum's friend)

Sam MacAusland (Deb Scott's friend)

Tom McMillan (B. Kamen's friend)

Cynthia Miller (Vaughan's friend)

Ximena Mrazek (L. Duran's friend)

Bill North (B. Kamens' son-in-law)

Brian O'Gorman

Sesle Olsen

Carolyn Overton

Jayne Padgett

Chuck Paterno (Douglas' relative)

John Peak

Michael Phillips (Bulin's son)

Cathy Samples

Charles Samples (C. Sample's brother)

Judy Sands (D. Kean's sister)

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)

Ryan Steber (D. Steber's nephew)

Brent Stello (Stello's grandson)

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)

Judy Yandersits (Davis' friend)

Gene Zippo (J. Zippo's brother)

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