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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 November

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 AM  
In-person and live-stream

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
9 AM - 2 PM

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

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

## Centering Prayer

Tuesdays, November 8 & 22 @ 10:00 am, Sanctuary

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

## St. Peter's Sojourners

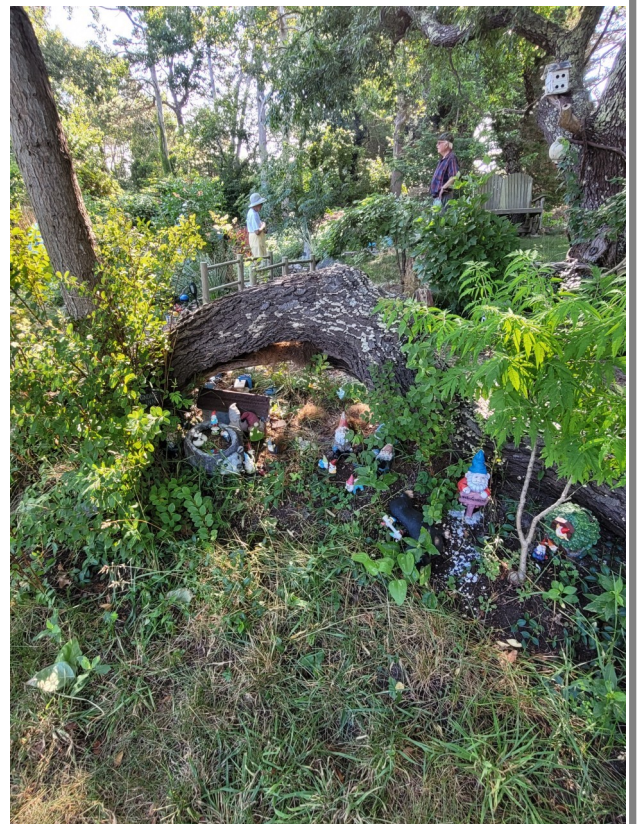
We continue to invite new walkers and ask that they email [Lynn Hatch \(Lchatch1@comcast.net\)](mailto:Lchatch1@comcast.net) if they wish to join the group and get updated info on where our walks will be.

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

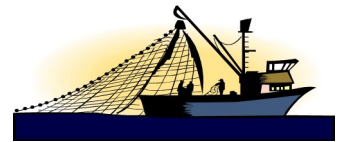
Masks are not required for the walk, but must be worn if breakfast establishments require them. We always plan on going to breakfast after each walk.

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



This fall we had several days out on the *Pursuit*, Pastor Christian's dad's sailboat. It is always fun, and always a lot of work. First you have to pack the lunch and snacks, and then more snacks, because people always seem to be more hungry than normal on the water. Then you pack the dinghy, and the oars bag, and the foot pump box, and the dinghy engine and the one or two gas cans for the dinghy engine, and the life vests. And then you pack the things you'll need for the day: sunscreen, hat, bathing suit, towel, change of clothes (always a good idea, even on a large sailboat.)

And then you leave to drive to the harbor. (I did say this was fun, and a lot of work, didn't I?)

Twice this fall we went out on *Pursuit* with friends. One day had young adults who had the energy and interest to put up both sails and go for it. If only the wind had cooperated. (There was hardly any.) The crew still had fun along the way, and they ate almost all of the food that was packed.

The second trip was only a few days later, with a crew made up of several of the church staff and some of their family. These folks were not new to the water and not new to Cape Cod. As we sailed across Buzzards Bay, they regaled us with stories of places along the shore we've only seen from a distance. They told us tales of when they were young, sailing these waters. (And I thought WE were adventurous! Yipes!) On this trip we had a lot of wind and we flew along the water. And the crew (mostly) had fun along the way and had a lot of food left when we arrived back in the harbor.

There's an ancient symbol for the church - that of a boat with a cross for a mast. There's a lot in that image to consider. Jesus is our captain. The Spirit is the wind that is blowing us along. We're the crew, ready to work together and put all hands on deck to get us to where we are going.





# View From the Deck



Reformation Sunday has just passed. Reformation reminds us that the Church is always changing and growing at the call of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the wind guiding the Church.

Where will the Spirit take us?

It's a reminder to us that God is in control and we are the crew. So prepare provisions and listen for God's call and enjoy the journey along the way.

That's my view from this deck, I mean church.

Pastor Tiffany



## 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 in our homes.

**When:** Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Where:**

December 7

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

December 14

*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.



## Advent Decorating

Please help us put up basic Advent decorations  
on Tuesday, November 22  
at 9:30 am.

## "from the Organ Bench"



Dear Friends,

After a great deal of thought and prayer, I have decided to bring my ministry of music at St. Peter's to a close. Being aware of the many festival dates upon us, I suggested, and it has been approved that I stay in this position until the end of the calendar year.

St. Peter's stands at the threshold of some very big moments in its worship and music life, principally the welcome of the gifted pipe instrument and the preparations necessary for this acquisition. Having spent the majority of my 60-year career sitting on the benches of many pipe organs of various ages and sizes, I can appreciate the excitement of the moment. I also recognize the importance of having a Music Minister on staff who will support and facilitate preparations for this new endeavor with his or her whole heart, while at the same time continuing the task of growing the church's music programs in a post-pandemic world. The church is blessed with willing and able choir members in both the Sanctuary and Bell Choirs, eager and happy to be rehearsing once again on a regular basis. There is much to be done!

For me, I look forward to jumping into the intentional interim/supply organist pool, which from all appearances, is in need of experienced and versatile musicians to fill a myriad of needs within churches of all denominations.

I am grateful for having been called to St. Peter's and for the confidence placed in me at the time of that call. I have especially enjoyed serving in worship with Pastors Tiffany and Christian, as well as in the office with such helpful, thoughtful and supportive staff: Ann, Joanie and Rebecca.

I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers as you move forward in your journey of shaping the future of worship and music at St. Peter's.

Blessings and peace,  
Maggie

**thanks!**



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

# UPDATES FROM URUGUAY

## Joanna's October Newsletter

**A QUICK REFRESHER:** I am serving as volunteer with the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program, a 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.

As I sit here writing this newsletter, it's been exactly one month since I arrived at my site placement in Montevideo. I'm still trying to settle into a daily routine and a "new normal," but I already feel grateful for the connections that I've made in my communities here. In the past month, I've reflected a lot on my personal role in these communities, and I'd like to focus this newsletter on these reflections as well.

One of the communities I am part of is the group of students that I am living with. Universities in Uruguay do not have student housing, so many churches in Montevideo also operate student homes. Nuestro Salvador, where I live and attend services, is home to 12 students in addition to myself. We share a communal kitchen, bathrooms, and laundry room, and we also have access to a patio behind the church. I've enjoyed the conversations I've had with other students in the kitchen while cooking ourselves dinner and have appreciated their recommendations for local markets, restaurants and site seeing attractions. The students don't have a lot of time to hang out outside of the "house", but I am grateful that there are other young people where I am living that I can talk to and share a community space with.

In addition to renting out student housing, Nuestro Salvador also extends their ministry into the community in other ways. Church services continue to remain small, but it's clear that the church reaches the needs of the city in multiple ways. They focus especially on health, offering support for individuals with HIV, yoga and tai chi classes for overall well-being, alcoholics and narcotics



Me posing with an "I love Uruguay" sign in Montevideo

anonymous groups that meet daily, and a dentist office that is located in the church building. They also serve hot meals to the homeless in the winter. One of the ways I've appreciated getting involved in the church has been by playing flute in church services, either as a prelude/offertory or as accompaniment on hymns, which are otherwise sung a cappella.

I have also enjoyed getting to know people in the community of El Sembrador, where I am volunteering. El Sembrador is a community space that was created 8 years ago for children in a low-income neighborhood who didn't have any other access to recreational activities. Some of the children from El Sembrador are now teenagers who are using the skills they learned from El Sembrador's workshops to be leaders for their peers. This group of youth leaders (ages 12-17) is called Meraki, a Greek word that means "to put your heart into something." After noticing that there was a lot of bullying in their schools, the youth of Meraki began a campaign against bullying, visiting schools in their area to teach their peers about bullying prevention. Meraki is the first group of youth to be doing this work peer-to-peer, and this year they are expanding by visiting schools throughout the entire state of Canelones.



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As a volunteer, I spend a significant amount of time accompanying Meraki on their visits to various schools, offering anti-bullying workshops. I continue to be impressed by the leadership demonstrated by the Meraki youth, but one of the things I have struggled with is figuring out what skills I can offer that are valuable during these workshops. Although I am comfortable conversing in Spanish one-on-one, I am still unable to speak to a classroom full of students in Spanish, and I don't have the same insider perspectives that the Meraki youth can offer their peers.

While grappling with these questions, I also reflected on one of the messages that I heard over and over at my pre-departure orientation: sometimes the best thing we can *do* is just *be*. As US Americans, we are part of a culture that emphasizes productivity, success and the need to constantly be *doing* something with a tangible outcome. In contrast, many YAGM alumni shared the value of *being* and the fact that the most valuable moments we have are often those where we are just able to sit and listen. In other words, we should learn to be a bit less like Martha and a bit more like Mary, who could recognize the importance of doing nothing "productive," but instead listening and learning (Luke 10: 38-42).

Being okay with the idea that I don't need to do anything is a hard thing to come to terms with, and I hope that as time goes on, I will be able to find a comfortable balance between *doing* and *being*. However, I have had a few meaningful moments in the past month where I was able to recognize the value of being: being present and being in community with each other. I end this newsletter with stories of two of these instances which I hold close to my heart.



Middle schoolers at a school fair next to a Meraki banner that reads "bullying never again"

The first school I visited with Meraki was an elementary school near El Sembrador. It was the last day of a month of anti-bullying workshops, and we visited four classrooms, asking the children what they learned and how they could continue the "revolution against bullying" on their own in the future. When the third grade class learned I was from the United States, they immediately ran to me, asking questions like "How do you say house in English? How do you say necklace? How do you say green?" When it was time for me to leave, they gave me a group hug and asked me if I could return to their school. I hope they realized that I appreciated their excited energy and warm welcome far more than they could have appreciated the simple English vocabulary I taught them.



Meraki, adult chaperones and me before the pride parade

One of the excursions I accompanied Meraki on was a trip to the center of Montevideo for the annual Marcha de la diversidad, a celebration of pride in support of the LGBTQ+ community. The pride march in Montevideo is a huge celebration, and I was grateful for the opportunity to participate in an event that is so important to the people of Montevideo. I was also grateful to the adult chaperones of Meraki for the chance to show the youth in the group that they are supported regardless of their gender or sexual orientation. The march was the first pride parade I had attended, and it was uplifting to be surrounded by so many people who were celebrating the same cause and to be literally swept up in the crowd with my new community.



# 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!

November 2 and 9  
December 7 and 14

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



Sunday School is in the building! We are now studying the Lord's Prayer. Art, storytelling, science, games, drama and music - each week is a new style of lesson. Any student from Kindergarten to grade 6 is welcome to join in.

We are going with an every other Sunday schedule, as listed below. Sunday School starts as soon as the students take communion, so about 10:15.

**Dates for 2022-2023** (at this time) are: November 6 and 20.

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

*Then back to our Sunday School schedule: January 8 and 22, February 5 and 19, March 5 and 19, April 2, 16 and 30 and May 7 and 21.*

## Adult Bible Study: A Kaleidoscope of Prayer.

Sundays, November 6 and 13.

We will look at many different prayers from Hezekiah and Hannah, Abraham and Hagar, Jesus, Habbakuk, Miriam and others. We will look at very different ways of praying and living out our relationships with God and neighbor.

**All are welcome.**



## Calling All Saints

We would like the names of your loved one's who have died and those who have been born or baptized in this last year.

This information will be used for our All Saints Sunday service on November 6.

Send your loved one's name, date of death or date of birth, to the church office by Tuesday, November 1st.

There will also be a sheet on the bulletin board to share this information with the church staff.

# St. Peter's Ministries



## *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

The St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, November 7th and Monday, November 21st at 1:30 in the Luther Room.

Please join us for prayerful knitting or crocheting and pleasant conversation. We have yarn, needles, patterns and willing teachers available if needed.

We have now gifted almost 850 shawls since this ministry began and there continues to be a need for them.



## **Esther Circle**

The Esther Circle has been meeting more frequently to prepare for the Cranberry Fair which will be held on Saturday, November 19th. Donations of jewelry will be accepted til November 6th. Also needed are empty jewelry boxes to display pieces.

We are gratefully accepting items for the knitting table. Hats, scarves, mittens, socks and boot toppers are always popular. Proceeds from the fair are given away to needy students on Cape Cod as well as other worthwhile causes. We appreciate the support of the congregation - both in donating items and in coming to purchase the many wonderful offerings!

"Ditty Bags" have been purchased to use for the New England Seafarers Christmas project so we will not be needing shoe boxes this year. We will, however, be accepting donations of items to fill the bags. Lists of needed items are available.



## **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 St. Peter's ministry for bereaved parents will plan to meet on Thursday, November 17th at 1:30. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a child is welcome to join us - no matter the age of your child nor how long ago. 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 help someone who is just beginning theirs.

"Sometimes it's OK if the only thing you did today was breathe." —Yumi Sakugawa

For more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry or Esther Circle please contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or [marianne@o Boyle.net](mailto:marianne@o Boyle.net).



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



## **P.S.A.L.M. Group Prepares for the Cranberry Fair November 19, 9am - 2pm**

The P.S.A.L.M. Group is busy preparing for the Cranberry Fair on November 19th. Shoppers will be able to select from an assortment of delicious holiday cookies in Cookie Lane, Silent Auction, Baked Goods & Homemade Pies, and crafts and home décor in our Holiday Gift Shop. We will offer a wonderful assortment of Specialty Foods - including deli items such as chili, baked beans, soups, and much more. Also be sure to visit Jewelry Junction, the knitted items table, Second Time Around and Attic Treasures.

The P.S.A.L.M. Group is asking Congregation members to bake and donate a homemade pie or one or two batches of homemade holiday cookies. Our patrons LOVE ethnic cookies - German - Norwegian - Italian. Demand for cookies and pies has grown each year. Pie pans are available in the office.

**\*\*Please be sure to bring recipe or list of all ingredients.\*\***



### **LUNCH TO GO AT THE CRANBERRY FAIR...**

Food Court offering Lunch to Go - be sure to stop by to pick up Lunch to Go from 11:00am - 1:00pm with homemade sandwiches, hot dogs, or pulled pork, with chips and a brownie for dessert.

Cranberry Fair proceeds will be used for outreach to women and children particularly for a program providing support to homeless and at-risk students.

Remaining Fair items will be on sale after church on Sun. November 20. Thanks for your support. Proceeds from Sunday sales will benefit our Loaves and Fish Pantry.

**Next P.S.A.L.M. meeting is Thursday, November 10 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Come join us to feel the spirit moving among us!!**

### **Please Help**

**Cookies & Pies desperately needed for our Cranberry Fair.**

**Drop off at church Nov. 18 10am - 12N or Nov. 19 8-8:30am. List ingredients.**

**THANK YOU from the PSALM Group.**



## **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 number of clients using the Loaves and Fish Pantry continues to increase each week so our volunteers have been very busy. We are so grateful that St. Peter's can help meet the increased needs of our community. We wish that everyone could see the smiles when families see our wonderful stash of Halloween candy. Thank you for all the donations that continue to be dropped off in our collection barrels in the main lobby and outside the pantry. We continue to pass out vouchers for the Thanksgiving turkeys and fixings and are waiting for the winter coats and sneakers that will be delivered soon. It is hard to believe that we will soon be collecting toys and gift cards for the Holidays. Although we suggest some of our pantry needs each week, please feel free to bring in any non-perishable items that are not out of date.

**Thanks to all of our faithful donors.**





## 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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## 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 Joanie at [office@stpeterscapecod.org](mailto:office@stpeterscapecod.org).



# Council Corner notes

## Highlights of October 2022



- † Accepted with regret the resignation letter from Minister of Music Maggie Ribb. She sent letter outlining her reasons for resignation.
- † Both Pastors gave their monthly updates. Very clear we need additional volunteers for greeters, Liturgy leaders, altar care, and AV equipment leaders.
- † Pastor Christian gave brief report on Calumet trip and he has reserved a retreat spot for next Fall.
- † Russ gave a financial report which is disconcerting as Finance Committee is projecting presently a large deficit for 2023. Jim Merriam is also resigning from the Finance committee which he has served on for over 10 years. Gratitude was expressed for Jim's leadership.
- † Discussed with the affirmative vote for the organ there will be a large first organization meeting to come up with some major working ideas and hopefully firm up what task forces need to be set up and ways to move forward with the initial planning.
- † Peg Flood presented her thank you note to St. Paul's in East Longmeadow for the pipe organ. The Olsons and Archambaults will attend their celebration service on 10/30. They will present the letter. We also voted to donate \$250 in their name to the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians for a scholarship. This will come from the Memorial Fund.
- † Looked briefly at the new building use guidelines. We have been approached by the Cape Cod Academy to rent some of our downstairs space. Russ will send out the draft for Council to review.
- † Approved to pay \$150 for Juliet Bongfeldt's registration to attend a white privilege seminar. Juliet is the chair of the JustPeace Team which has explored issues of race and equity.

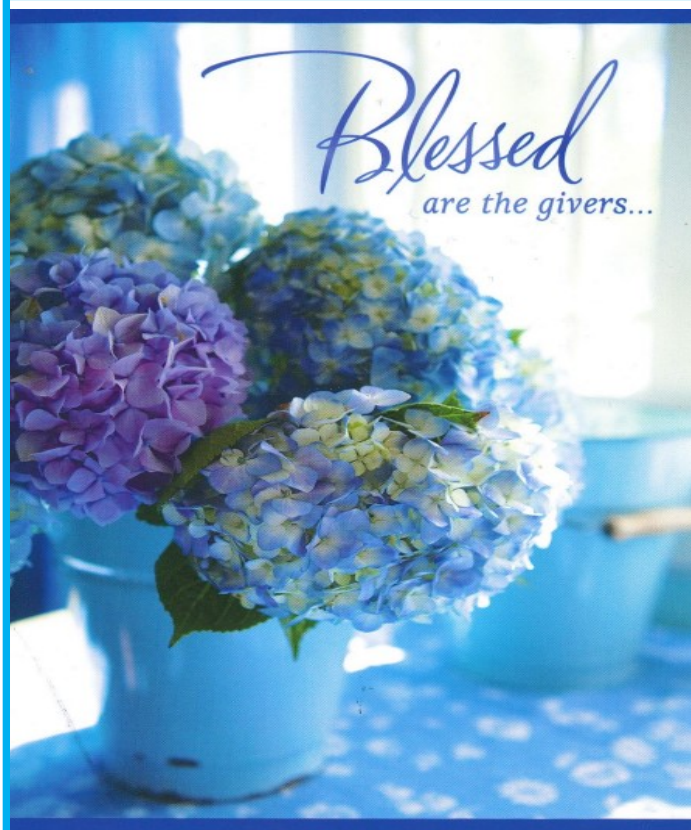
Submitted by Kathy Glifort, Council Secretary



## Financial Status - September 30, 2022

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>Budgeted YTD</u>
Income	\$ 21,022.10	\$ 21,364.70	\$262,403.37	\$261,544.98
Expense	\$ 28,129.56	\$ 33,242.03	\$290,099.04	\$285,573.14
Net Income	-\$ 7,107.46	-\$ 11,877.33	-\$ 27,695.67	-\$ 24,028.17

## NOTES AND LETTERS



And grateful  
are the receivers.

Thank you  
so much.

Thank you for all the  
prayers during the Ian  
Hurricane last week -  
Thanks Be to God!!  
Love & miss all  
of you! Debbie

Hello Everyone,

We are doing well here and are so happy with the move. We survived the hurricane though there was awful damage on the Gulf Coast. We hope no one from Cape Cod was injured or lost property.



Peace and blessings, Marcia Harris



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

Thank you for your gift of  
\$1,500  
to Lutheran Disaster Response!

We love to hear from you!

Send your updates to...  
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## 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 November 10th. Noon - 2

Thursday December 8th. Noon - 2

The Pastoral Care team including our Pastors have met with others who have chosen to join with us in September and October. All have given us strong encouragement to continue this midweek time together.

All are welcome, men and women, singles and couples. We only ask that you sign up on the bulletin board on the way to the office so we will have enough place settings. We are wanting to keep this simple and invite you to bring your own sandwich or salad bowl and we will provide beverages, fruit and a dessert. Our first full lunch was provided with funds from the Anderson Bequest Fund and we will try to do this periodically. Just maybe in December for a holiday treat.



After lunch I have been providing a guided meditation from "No Wrinkles On The Soul" that has led us to sharing personal faith stories and warm memories. We are getting to know each other better. Our Bishop Hazelwood is coming out with a new book " Weird Wisdom for the Second Half of Life " that could provide us with interesting reading and conversation.

**Do join us and we welcome your input on how to spend this time together.**

- Nancy Hallberg-Emerson for your Pastoral Care Team

# 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.

November 2022



## Extinction of the Species

Charles Darwin told us about the evolution of the species and now we're learning about the extinction of many living organisms. The International Union for Conservation of Nature have stated "Over a quarter of all species have survivals that are threatened." Thanks to efforts by the IUCN, five species are beginning to bounce back.

They are the Northern Bald Ibis, Round Island Gecko, Amsterdam Albatross, Cross River Gorilla and the White-Naped Crane, but the good news does not balance the bad news which is: One million species are threatened with extinction within decades. A Jurassic ichthyosaur pictured above, is on display at the Royal Ontario Museum. Nevada was submerged under an ocean millions years ago, and a marine reptile called **ICHTHYOSAUR** flourished there. This predator, bigger than a whale, had 6-inch teeth that ripped into its prey. It became extinct 90 million years ago. The fossil was excavated in the Augusta mountains of Nevada in 2008.



Photo by Brian Switek

Scientists are taking extraordinary measures to save birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and other organisms such as plants! Since 1750, 500 species of plants have gone extinct with unknown consequences except for the lack of oxygen they would release. Do the fools who cut our rainforests not realize **they're cutting the amount of oxygen that humans can inhale?** Fortunately, there are 50,000 species of plants on our planet, but reforestation is a very important factor when considering the green foundation of our ecosystem. On the Hawaiian island of Kauai is a plant called Melanthera with very low narrow leaves. Only seven of them remain because they were crowding out Hawaii's native species.

For decades scientists hypothesized it was an asteroid crashing into the Gulf of Mexico that wiped out the dinosaurs. It is now known it wasn't just the asteroid but instead a natural extinction. 10,000 years from now the sun will be hotter causing many plants to become extinct. This is now a proven fact, most life on earth will become extinct by the lack of oxygen in a billion years. We do not need to think about a billion years from now but we do need to think about what will happen to our planet in the next 10,000 years. When plants begin to dry up, no longer will photosynthesis be able to supply us with the amount of oxygen we have and need today.

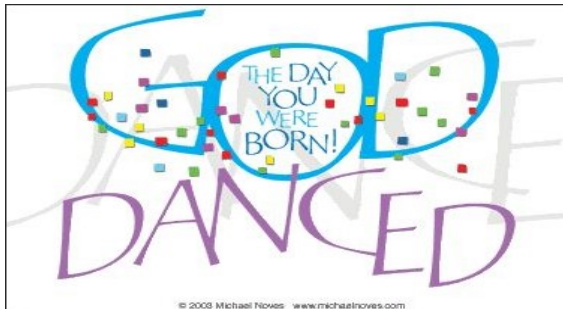
What worries me is the eventual extinctions of all organisms such as man! The IUCN's method of conservation is not to be ignored. I wish Charles Darwin was alive today to predict the demise or preservation of living organisms. **Will God reveal a substitute for oxygen?** Many efforts are being made to maximize the amount of oxygen so that we can save some species but not all of them. Will all species be recycled and born again in our cosmos? I hope so.

### A RESPONSE FROM PASTOR TIFFANY

Doug has made me think - and pray for the planet's health! **Ecclesiastes 3:19** "For the fate of humans and the fate of animals is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and humans have no advantage over the animals; for all is vanity." **It also calls to mind the breath of God - Genesis 1:1-2** "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while God's breath swept over the chaos." **Ezekiel 37** <sup>5</sup>"Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." **And finally the last verses of the last Psalm:**

**Psalm 150** <sup>6</sup> "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!"

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jennifer	Douglas	November 1
Joseph	Beasley	November 1
Joanie	Keating	November 4
Donna	Albert	November 5
Cathryn	Samples	November 6
Diane	Stauss	November 7
Joan	Burgert	November 14
Christine	Sontag	November 14
Frank	Stauss	November 15
Joan	Ettore	November 15
Peter	Sontag	November 16
Kathy	Candito	November 17
Chase	Kaser	November 18
Tiffany Nicely	Holleck	November 18
Vernon	Christensen	November 19
Ted	Helm	November 24
Phyllis	Webster	November 25
Zachary	Steber	November 28
Alison	Christensen	November 28
Isabella	Coomber	November 28
Richard	Hall	November 30



Al and Karen Stello

November 30



*Flowers are placed at  
the altar to the  
glory of God*

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](mailto:office@stpeterscapecod.org)

### Seen and Celebrated

Thank you to all who col-  
lected acorns. You can stop  
now. I have four bags full.  
Thanks! Pastor Tiffany



### Please Help...

### Cookies & Pies

desperately needed for  
our Cranberry Fair.  
*Pie pans are available in the office.*

Drop off at church  
Nov. 18 10am - 12N or  
Nov. 19 8-8:30am.  
List ingredients.

**THANK YOU** from the PSALM Group.





## 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 has arrived for your personal use and holiday gifting. We will have a table available for you on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Calumet Retreat 2022  
Boom-Chicka-Boom**



## 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](mailto:Lchatch1@comcast.net)  
or cell phone 732-236-8114

# INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Celebrating the Magnificent Abundance  
of Peoples and Cultures



Sponsored by the  
Nauset Interfaith Association

Please join us in prayer and joyful song  
as we celebrate the abundance  
that surrounds us.

Questions: [nancydann360@gmail.com](mailto:nancydann360@gmail.com)

When: Sunday, Nov. 20th, 2:00 -3:00 PM  
Refreshments following

Where: St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
310 Rt. 137  
Harwich, MA 02645

live-streaming at  
<https://youtu.be/nQfVqiQEDSk>



**From Nauset Interfaith Association Board of Directors:**

(St. Peter's Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Nauset Interfaith Association)

## **A Faithful Yes on Question 4**

*You shall love the alien as yourself*

Faith matters when it comes to our votes. On November 8 we have a fresh opportunity to vote our values on a vital question, Ballot Question Number 4. This question stems from an effort to repeal The Work and Family Mobility Act, better known as the Drivers License Bill. The bill provides undocumented immigrants with an opportunity to receive drivers' licenses. The ballot question is an effort to repeal it.

In June of this year, the Massachusetts legislature passed this important bill with enough strength to override the governor's veto. It received strong endorsement from a majority of sheriffs and DA's in the state and the Massachusetts Major Cities Chiefs of Police, along with immigrant advocacy groups. The benefits of this action, which would take effect on July 1, 2023, are clear:

Roads will be safer, with all drivers receiving proper training and licensing (with proof of identity), and having insurance. Immigrant neighbors will be able to drive to work, school, medical appointments, etc. without anxiety.

The opponents of this action argue according to familiar misconceptions and fears. That is, that immigrants are responsible for drugs and crime, that they are a drain on state resources, that they are "undeserving." The truth is, immigrants commit less crime than their neighbors, work in many essential jobs, pay taxes, and are a boon to the economy.

Another argument is that obtaining a drivers license will result in allowing non-citizens to vote. Secretary of State Galvin has said this claim is "baseless...we can solve any concern there is about this." (masslive.com, 5-27-22)

Scripture speaks clearly to us: "The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself..." (Leviticus 19:34). "Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." (Romans 12:13).

The Quran declares that all who need it should be able to find refuge on God's earth, and tells how, when Mohammed and his followers migrated from Mecca to Medina, local residents shared their resources with them. (Quran 59:9)

The call to people of faith to serve others is unmistakable. A vote for Yes on Question 4 will preserve a good law that helps accomplish this.

**The Nauset Interfaith Association Board of Directors encourages you to vote**

**Yes on 4 -**

for safer roads, stronger economy, and most of all,  
to bear witness to the love of God  
for our immigrant neighbors.



This calendar is updated regularly and posted on our website.  
[Click here for the most up to date version.](#)

# St. Peter's Web Calendar

Today ◀ ▶ November 2022 ▾

Print Week Month Agenda ▾

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Nov 1				
<p>9:30am Worship in Sanctuary</p> <p>30</p>	<p><b>Halloween</b></p> <p>31</p> <p>9am Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>1pm Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>7pm A.W.O.L. in Mark classroom</p>	<p><b>First Day of American Indian</b></p> <p>8:10am St. Peter's Sojourners</p> <p>9:30am Worship Staff meeting</p> <p>11am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:30pm Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>12:30pm Esther Circle</p> <p>2pm Broad Reach Grief Group-</p>	<p>11am Worship @ The Victorian</p> <p>11:30am Bridge group</p> <p>2pm Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>3-15pm Confirmation Class - Jo</p> <p>7pm Bible Study for Women</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30am Harwich Women's Club</p> <p>10:30am Staff Support Meeting</p> <p>11:30am Loaves &amp; Fish Food Pa</p> <p>11:30am Pleasant Bay Worship</p> <p>3pm Choir rehearsal</p> <p>4:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal</p> <p>+3 more</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>12pm Flora's Bridge Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2pm SMMC Set up and Rehearsal</p> <p>4pm SMMC Worship</p>
<p><b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b></p> <p>6</p> <p>9:30am Worship in Sanctuary</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>10:50am Kaleidoscope of Prayer</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>1pm Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>7pm A.W.O.L. in Mark classroom</p>	<p><b>Election Day</b></p> <p>8:10am St. Peter's Sojourners</p> <p>9:30am Worship Staff meeting</p> <p>10am Centering Prayer in Sanctuary</p> <p>11am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:30pm Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>+3 more</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:30am Bridge group</p> <p>2pm Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>3-15pm Confirmation Class - Jo</p> <p>4pm Y.O.H Board Meeting</p> <p>7pm Girl Scout Syce Unit-Mark</p> <p>7pm Bible Study for Women</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10am PSALM Baking Cookies in</p> <p>11:30am Loaves &amp; Fish Food Pa</p> <p>12pm Fellowship-Lunch-Medita</p> <p>3pm Choir rehearsal</p> <p>4:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal</p> <p>6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship</p> <p>6:30pm Chatham Chorale</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Veterans Day</b></p> <p>10am Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>12pm Flora's Bridge Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11am SMMC Diocesan meeting</p> <p>2pm SMMC Set up and Rehearsal</p> <p>4pm SMMC Worship</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Worship in Sanctuary</p> <p>10:50am Kaleidoscope of Prayer</p>	<p><b>Prep week for Cranberry Fair</b></p> <p>14</p> <p>9am Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>1pm Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>3pm JustPeace Meeting - Luth</p> <p>7pm A.W.O.L. in Mark classroom</p> <p>12:30pm Esther Circle</p> <p>+2 more</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:10am St. Peter's Sojourners</p> <p>9:30am Worship Staff meeting</p> <p>11am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:30pm Flora's Bridge Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:30am Bridge group</p> <p>2pm Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>3-15pm Confirmation Class - Jo</p> <p>4:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal</p> <p>6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:30am Loaves &amp; Fish Food Pa</p> <p>1:30pm Sacred Sorrow - Luther</p> <p>4:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal</p> <p>6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Cranberry Fair</b></p> <p>2pm SMMC Set up and Rehearsal</p> <p>4pm SMMC Worship</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:30am Worship in Sanctuary</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>2pm NIA Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>1pm Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>4:30pm SPLC @ Faith Family Ki</p> <p>7pm A.W.O.L. in Mark classroom</p> <p>12:30pm Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>2pm Broad Reach Grief Group-</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:10am St. Peter's Sojourners</p> <p>9:30am Advent decorating</p> <p>10am Centering Prayer in Sanctuary</p> <p>11am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:30pm Flora's Bridge Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:30am Bridge group</p> <p>2pm Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>3-15pm Confirmation Class - Jo</p> <p>10am Pastoral Care Team meet</p> <p>11:30am Loaves &amp; Fish Food Pa</p> <p>3pm Choir rehearsal</p> <p>4:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal</p> <p>6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b></p> <p>10am Pastoral Care Team meet</p> <p>11:30am Loaves &amp; Fish Food Pa</p> <p>3pm Choir rehearsal</p> <p>4:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal</p> <p>6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Native American Heritage Day</b></p> <p>10am Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>12pm Flora's Bridge Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2pm SMMC Set up and Rehearsal</p> <p>4pm SMMC Worship</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:30am Worship in Sanctuary</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>1pm Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>6:30pm Chatham Chorale Chan</p> <p>7pm A.W.O.L. in Mark classroom</p> <p>12:30pm Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>2pm Broad Reach Grief Group-</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:10am St. Peter's Sojourners</p> <p>9:30am Worship Staff meeting</p> <p>11am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:30pm Flora's Bridge Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:30am Bridge group</p> <p>2pm Loaves and Fish Pantry</p> <p>3-15pm Confirmation Class - Jo</p> <p>10am Staff Support Meeting</p> <p>11:30am Loaves &amp; Fish Food Pa</p> <p>12pm Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>3pm Choir rehearsal</p> <p>4:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal</p> <p>6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship</p> <p>6:30pm NAMI Meeting</p>	<p>Dec 1</p> <p>10am Staff Support Meeting</p> <p>11:30am Loaves &amp; Fish Food Pa</p> <p>12pm Flora's Bridge Group</p> <p>2pm SMMC Set up and Rehearsal</p> <p>4pm SMMC Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

Tuesday, November 8

Tuesday, November 15

Thursday, November 3

12:30pm Esther Circle in John Classroom  
 2pm Broad Reach Grief Group-Luther Ro  
 5:30pm Council Officers

2pm Broad Reach Grief Group-  
 6pm Council meeting

6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall  
 6:30pm Chatham Chorale  
 6:30pm NAMI Meeting

Calendar as of 10/26/2022