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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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OFFICE HOURS
8 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesdays - Thursdays



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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, color and culture, all sexual orientations and gender identities, any 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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Pastoral Perceptions

Barbara and I enjoyed our time in the midst of you immensely. Though relatively brief (as hopefully all interims should be), the days serving together in ministry have brought us immense joy and many new friendships. We give thanks to God that our paths have crossed. We will bless others as you have been a blessing to us. At this writing, we have already received some gifts and best wishes. We thank you for each and every one as well as those we may receive later.

I pray that you will remember that you are loved, that grace abounds, and that may you continue as individuals as a called community of the faithful to strive to have integrity with the Gospel of Jesus, whom we proclaim as the Christ, and all of its inherent implications.

Rev. Roger & Barbara Dennis
Interim Pastor

News from St. Peter's Council for November 2025

Happy November! It will be a busy month for St. Peter's. We will say farewell to Pastor Dennis and Barbara. The Parsonage will need some attention as we prepare for Pastor Gilbert and Donald to move-in. And then there is the **Cranberry Fair on November 22**: hope you have all been busy baking, crafting, prepping jewelry, etc. for this wonderful event. Like a wedding, so much planning and then just a few short hours, but the results are tremendous. Think of the joy and wonder that is spread to the homeless and at risk children we provide Christmas gifts for. Blessings to all who are so diligently working to have the Fair succeed.

Other news from Council - the "lot" has finally been signed off on by the Town of Harwich and registered as a buildable lot at the Barnstable County Office. Check out the lot plan in the narthex. Thank you to Jim Merriam for his seeing this project through to completion.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving as we count the many blessings given to us by our God.

Peace,
Jane Wordsworth,
Council President

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Calls a New Minister

The two year long pastoral call process at St. Peter's Lutheran Church came to a joyous conclusion on Sunday, October 19, when the congregation voted to invite Pastor Christophor Gilbert to become our next minister. After a "meet and greet" on the preceding Saturday morning marked by a full parking lot and a constant line of folks waiting patiently to talk to Pastor Gilbert, followed by a Sunday worship service and sermon conducted by the candidate, the congregation held a special congregational meeting in the Sanctuary with just two agenda items:

1. A member vote on the following resolution posed by Chris Janson: "As Chair of the Pastoral Call Committee 2025, we offer a resolution that Christophor Gilbert be called as the next pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church."
After brief discussion, the quorum of members present voted by written ballot to call Pastor Gilbert as our next pastor, having satisfied the 2/3 majority vote required.
2. Next, church treasurer Suzanne Bassett presented the compensation package which, after brief discussion, was approved by a majority of members present through a show of hands vote.

Pastor Gilbert was invited to return to the Sanctuary, and he briefly addressed a delighted congregation.

A letter from Pastor Gilbert to the congregation accepting the call to become our new pastor follows, as well as his biography.

Let us all give thanks for Pastor Gilbert's call to us! Welcome, Christophor and Donald to St. Peter's family as we continue our journey together in the footsteps of Jesus.

Submitted by Chris Janson and Peg Flood

The Rev. Christophor Gilbert

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Jane Wordsworth, Congregation President
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
310 Route 137
Harwich, MA 02645

Dear Jane and the Community of St. Peter's Lutheran Church:

With deep joy, I officially and gratefully accept the call to serve as your next Pastor. It feels especially meaningful that the call vote took place on October 19th—the sixth anniversary of my ordination! It was a happy coincidence that reminds me how beautifully God's timing often works.

From my first emails with the Call Committee and my continued discernment with the Congregation Council, I sensed the grounded community that is St. Peter's Lutheran. Donald and I felt the warmth and generosity of spirit at the meet-and-greet and in worship on Sunday. Your gracious welcome was a blessing—Thank you!

I'm delighted that the ministries you've lifted up—those centered on the arts, spirituality, engaging worship, community care, and telling the story of Jesus and walking in his way—are places where my heart beats strong. It's clear the Holy Spirit has been preparing us for one another, calling us to deepen what's already thriving. You and I have been given the gift of living into that which God affirms in the book of Isaiah: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth—do you not perceive it?" (Is. 43:19)

St. Peter's is already a place of vibrant ministry. Together, I trust we'll add shimmer to what already shines and welcome new friends into God's good work in Harwich and the Lower Cape.

With gratitude, anticipation, and peace,

The Rev. Christophor Gilbert

**Getting to know St. Peter's
new Pastor,
Pastor Christephor Gilbert**



The Rev. Christephor Gilbert is a pastor, teacher, and creative spirit whose ministry is rooted in God's love, justice, and presence in community. Awakened by the call of the church, Christephor seeks to walk alongside others in faith, listening deeply and helping people discover how God is at work in their lives and in the world.

Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Christephor received a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where formation included work with Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries, St. Paul's House, Bonaventure House, and Resurrection Lutheran Church. He also served at Faith Lutheran and Risen Savior Lutheran in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and St. Paul Lutheran in Arlington, Massachusetts, experiences that helped shape a pastoral identity grounded in compassion, justice, and accompaniment.

From 2019 to 2023, Christephor served as pastor to St. Ansgar Lutheran Church in Portland, Maine. During this time, he also served as secretary of the Maine Council of Churches and as a member and chaplain to the New England Synod Council of the ELCA. Before his call to St. Peter's, Christephor served Christ Lutheran Church in Natick, where he is an active member of the Natick Interfaith Leaders Group. Christephor is a certified facilitator of the Prepare/Enrich relationship assessment program and a Qualified Administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory. Christephor's ministry is enriched by a diverse background. Before pastoral leadership, he worked in the performing arts as a choreographer, artistic director, and educator, holding a BA in Theatre and Dance from Bard College and an MFA in Dance from the University of Hawai'i. His studies also include a Master of Arts in Spirituality from Bellarmine University. This blend of theology and the arts continues to shape a ministry that embraces creativity, embodiment, and imagination.

Christephor's co-conspirators in life are his husband, Donald, and beloved cat Aerial. Together they delight in community, hospitality, and exploring the many ways God's Spirit continues to move in the world.

Ministry Fair 2025

The Stewardship team sponsored a Ministry Fair in the Narthex after worship on October 12. At 10 shared tables, representatives of over 20 ministries and volunteer groups were available to answer questions and sign up people interested in giving their time and talents to their areas. The displays of St. Peter's church mission work were rewarding to see. Almost 30 people signed up at the Fair to volunteer their time and talents to these groups. A highlight of the fair were Hole in One donuts (so large they had to be cut in half!) and cider provided by Worship Ministry. The Fall food basket was won by Lois Thomas. There was a "buzz" of fellowship heard in the room. It's not too late to volunteer at one of St. Peter's ministries. Below is a full list. Contact Peg Flood or the church office for how to contact a ministry team or group leader for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!

Ministries Represented at the Ministry Fair:

- **AMMPARO:** the ELCA network of welcoming and sanctuary congregations
- **Altar Care:** Care for altar and Communion preparation
- **Anderson Bequest Committee:** Approval of applications to use fund for elderly
- **Audio/Visual Team:** Livestream worship
- **Dulcimer Fellowship Group:** encourage fellowship around Dulcimer music
- **Christian Spiritual Formation:** Children's and adult education
- **Congregation Council:** lay leadership of the church
- **Esther Circle:** major fundraiser is the Cranberry Fair and money raised is contributed to about 10 local to international organizations. Two areas at the fair: jewelry and knitted/ crocheted items. Monthly meetings w/ Bible or book study
- **Finance Committee and Counters:** Preparation and monitoring of capital and operating budgets, balance sheet, income/expense statements; tracking giving, etc. Alternate counters are needed.
- **Fellowship:** organize coffee hours, funeral collations, and other church events
- **Flower Ministry:** arrange for flowers for worship and distribute after the service
- **Just Peace:** education and advocacy including immigration, LGBTQ, nutrition and racism
- **Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry:** food distribution to area people in need
- **Memorial Garden:** includes a columbarium and scattering garden, created on St. Peter's grounds as an area of beauty set aside for a final resting place for cremated remains with appropriate services, as well and for meditation and prayer
- **Music Ministry/ Choir:** lead church music including adult choir, worship, musicians, etc.
- **Office Help:** assist with office tasks, help prepare bulk mailing
- **Pastoral Care:** provide spiritual and social support to congregation members

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** knit/crochet and give prayer shawls away for comfort, welcome, celebration
- **Property:** oversight of St. Peter's church land and property; sponsors volunteer work days; provides information for capital budget. Volunteers needed for Property ministry.
- **PSALM (People Sharing and Loving More):** outreach to women and children. Cranberry Fair is the major fundraising event.
- **Sacred Sorrow:** supports bereaved parents
- **Safe Harbors:** sponsors/supports immigrant family
- **Staff Support:** provides support to church staff, assists with hiring
- **Stewardship Team:** encourages and prepares messages and appeals for time, talents, monetary giving to support church and ministries
- **Worship & Music:** plans worship themes for the seasons of the church year, discusses changes to worship, determines worship times, works with the Minister of Music on choirs' schedules, and special performances



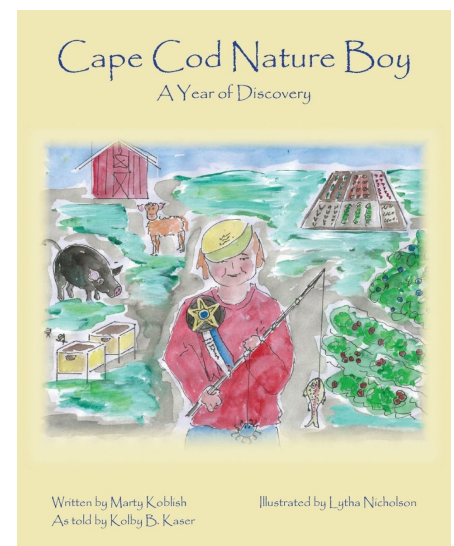
Save the date: December 7 Book Signing during Coffee Hour

We have a celebrity in our midst! Kolby Kaser is the subject of a new children's book Cape Cod Nature Boy written by Marty Koblisch and illustrated by Lytha Nicholson.

Cape Cod Nature Boy is an extended interview with Kolby who takes us through a full year of his life as he works on his family's organic farm in Brewster. Month by month, Kolby describes his chores and seasonal activities defining key farm terms along the way. He shares fun facts about the animals, fruits, and vegetables he raises, and he explains how organic farming helps protect and sustain the environment.

On Sunday, **December 7**, we will have a special coffee hour featuring "Kay's Blueberry Muffins" (featured in "September"). We will have copies of the books on hand, and Kolby will be happy to sign them for you. Profits from the sale of the books will be donated to St. Peter's Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.

MJ and Stewart Pattison are hosting this coffee hour. If you would like to help, please contact MJ at: mjpattison@gmail.com.



St. Peter's Lutheran Church Protocol Regarding A Visit by ICE Agents

In the unlikely event that agents from ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) attempt to enter St Peter's, the following protocol should be followed. The person who has initial contact with an agent should:

- A. Stay calm and be respectful.
 - 1. Be aware that agents can, like any other person, enter public areas without a warrant (see below).
 - 2. Ask for identification and the purpose of the visit.
- B. Ask if the agents have a warrant and ask which type of warrant.
 - 1. If they have an administrative warrant, they cannot enter private** areas (see below) without your consent. In general, do not give consent. Say, "This is a private area. You cannot enter without a judicial warrant."
 - a. ICE can arrest someone in a public* space if they have an administrative warrant.
 - 2. If they have a judicial warrant (i.e., signed by a judge), they can enter private areas and can arrest someone in such spaces.
- C. Do not give the agents any personal information regarding church staff or members, or food pantry visitors unless they provide a judicial warrant for that information. (Massachusetts privacy law requires that organizations which acquire client information keep those records secure and private. Food pantry customer identifying information is not kept at the church.)
- D. Stay with the Agent and as feasible, take notes.
- E. Contact the Pastor as soon as possible.

***Public areas:**

Lobby on main level (Narthex)
Food pantry and lower lobby during hours of pantry operation
Sanctuary during hours of services
Restrooms on main and lower levels during hours of services

****Private areas:**

Administrative Offices including Pastor, Ministry Administrator, Minister of Music, and Operations Administrator
Nursery, and Sacristy
Luther Room, including when in use by approved groups
Offices of St. Mary of Magdala
Educational wing on lower level
Fellowship Hall, including when in use by approved groups

Approved by Council 9/17/2025

Administrative Warrant

Enforceable Legally Binding Warrant

AO 93 (Rev. 6/1/09) Search and Seizure Warrant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of California

In the Matter of the Search of
(Defendant's name)
And
Case No.

2943 Reynard Avenue
San Diego, California

'14 MJ0396

SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government requests the search of the following person or property located in the Southern District of California
See Attachment A-2.

The person or property to be searched, described above, is believed to conceal (Identify the person or describe the property to be searched):
See Attachment B-2.

I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testimony, establish probable cause to search and seize the person or property.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to execute this warrant on or before

February 14, 2014
(Not to exceed 10 days)
at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been established.

Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the place where the property was taken.

The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the execution of the warrant, must prepare an inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory to United States Magistrate Judge

Hon. David H. Barick (name)

I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2705 (except for delay of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be searched or seized (check the appropriate box) Or _____ days (not to exceed 30).

Until, the facts justifying the later specific date of

Date and time issued:

February 5, 2014

City and state: San Diego, California

Hon. David H. Barick, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Judicial Warrant

Non-binding ICE Warrant

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Warrant for Arrest of Alien

File No. _____

Date: _____

To: Any immigration officer authorized pursuant to sections 236 and 237 of the Immigration and Nationality Act and part 237 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, to serve warrants of arrest for immigration violations

I have determined that there is probable cause to believe that _____ is removable from the United States. This determination is based upon:

- ☐ the execution of a charging document to initiate removal proceedings against the subject;
- ☐ the pendency of ongoing removal proceedings against the subject;
- ☐ the failure to establish admissibility subsequent to deferred inspection;
- ☐ biometric confirmation of the subject's identity and a records check of federal databases that affirmatively indicate, by themselves or in addition to other reliable information, that the subject either lacks immigration status or notwithstanding such status is removable under U.S. immigration law; and/or
- ☐ statements made voluntarily by the subject to an immigration officer and/or other reliable evidence that affirmatively indicate the subject either lacks immigration status or notwithstanding such status is removable under U.S. immigration law.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and take into custody for removal proceedings under the Immigration and Nationality Act, the above-named alien.

(Signature of Authorized Immigration Officer)

(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Immigration Officer)

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that the Warrant for Arrest of Alien was served by me at _____ (Location)

on _____ (Name of Alien) _____ (Date of Service) _____ and the contents of this notice were read to him or her in the _____ (Language) _____ language.

Name and Signature of Officer

Name or Number of Interpreter (if applicable)

On-Line Giving

Have you considered using on-line giving for next year's pledge? It is an easy process, and you can give by using either a credit card or checking account. Forms are available in the office and may be returned to either Lynn Hatch or Lois Thomas.

If you are currently giving on-line, let Lynn or Lois know if you would like to include paying the bank fee as part of your giving. We can easily make the adjustment to include the fee.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting St. Peter's!

Dulcimer Fellowship Group: November Practice Schedule

The word is getting out ! The Dulcimer Fellowship Group recently had an influx of new participants from the larger community. At our most recent gathering, we had nine people and during a nor-easter!!

We will continue to meet on the **Second Sundays in the afternoon** and the **Fourth Sundays after church**.

- **Sunday, November 9 at 3:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, November 23 at 11:00 a.m.**

New players are always welcome! We have some extra dulcimers for you to play right away, and if the loaners aren't all loaned out, it's often possible to take a dulcimer home and practice. For more information contact: mjpattison@gmail.com

Submitted by MJ Pattison

Nauset Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Nauset Interfaith Association invites you to attend our 2025 Thanksgiving Interfaith Service on **Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 pm** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 310 Route 137, Harwich, MA.

Our theme this year is "Nurturing a Culture of Appreciation" and together we will share in praise, prayer and reflection from our many member faith traditions as we explore the possibility of nurturing a more grateful world and its powerful effect on our lives. Those who wish to join us in a combined choir singing John Rutter's "Look at the World" led by St. Peter's Minister of Music, Craig Tocher, should arrive by 1:30 pm to rehearse. A free will offering to support Lower Cape Outreach Council will be taken. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. We look forward to seeing you there!

From the Tech Team- How to Access “the Loop”

St. Peter’s sound system is equipped with a public hearing loop system. To use the public hearing loop system, you need to activate **the telecoil mode** on your hearing aid. A telecoil is a small coil of wire in most prescription hearing aids and cochlear implants. It creates a magnetic field to receive audio signals from an inductive loop system. This direct transmission of sound to your hearing aid significantly reduces background noise, leading to clearer sound. Telecoil can be accessed either via its app or by pressing a button on the device itself. All hearing aides are different so you may need to talk with your provider to make it work for your device. But here are some suggested approaches based on internet search.

On your iPhone:

Go to Settings > Accessibility > Hearing Devices.

Enable the "Hearing Aid Compatibility" setting to modify the phone's acoustic settings for telecoil mode.

On your Android device

Ensure your hearing aid is set to its "T" or telecoil mode.

Turn on the Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC) mode in your device's settings.

You may also use your manufacturer's specific app for more advanced control.

- A telecoil is a small coil of wire in most prescription hearing aids and cochlear implants.
- It creates a magnetic field to receive audio signals from an inductive loop system, such as those found in public venues or on some smartphones. This direct transmission of sound to your hearing aid significantly reduces background noise, leading to clearer sound.

Using the telecoil in public.

1. Activate the telecoil setting on your hearing aid: You may need to do this through your smartphone's hearing aid app or a button on the hearing aid itself.

2. Listen for the loop: Once activated, your hearing aid will receive sound directly from the loop system, which reduces background noise.

Submitted by MJ Pattison

Local Grief Support Groups

- Run by Broad Reach Hospice’s bereavement coordinator, Rebecca Chesbro, this grief support group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 2 pm in the Luther Room at St. Peter’s.
- The Northside United Methodist Church, 701 Airline Road, Brewster, has a grief support group at their church for all who are experiencing some type of grief that meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 2 pm.



Food Pantry Update

Loaves & Fishes Pantry

Monday: 1:00 - 3:00 pm **Tuesday:** 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:30 - 2:30 **Friday:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Loaves and Fishes Pantry thanks all of you for your generous donations during our Thrivent Challenge in October. In just the first two weeks of the month, you contributed 779 grocery items to stock the pantry's very empty shelves.

The challenge will continue until the end of October and we will provide a final tally in the next newsletter. Please keep the donations coming so we can continue to meet the needs of our hungry neighbors.

Thank you to those who stopped by the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry table at the recent Ministry Fair to learn about the opportunities to join our team. If you signed the sheet, we will contact you soon.



Ruth Brenneman, St. Peter's Food Pantry Coordinator
thomasbrenneman41@comcast.net, call or text 774-286-9025

Cape Cod Council of Churches 2025 Annual Assembly

On September 25, Peg Flood and Jane Wordsworth attended the annual assembly of the Cape Cod Council of Churches held at Brewster Baptist Church as St. Peter's Representatives.

The meeting started with a half hour for registration, fellowship, and light food. A worship service followed which included blessing of the donations of food brought by attendees for the Hands of Hope Food Pantry, prayer, singing, scripture and a message about mutual care and sacred service. The Business Meeting chaired by Rev. Philomena Hare included the Treasurer's Report, voting to approve minutes and two minor amendments to bylaws, followed by election of the Board of Directors, Standing Committees, and Advisory Committee. Volunteers were blessed and thanked. Before the meeting was adjourned, Edye Nesmith noted that in 2025, 19,466 people were served by 387 volunteers comprising over 14,000 hours of service. There are 91 church partners and 90 community partners. She also mentioned a major fund raising effort being planned, a partnership with Snowy Owl Coffee to sell Council of Churches blend coffee later this fall, and an invitation for groups to contact the Council offices to arrange a tour of their new office at 232 Main Street, Hyannis which also houses A Baby Center, and Covenant to Care for Foster Families.

The Cape Cod Council of Churches includes the following programs:

- A Baby Center
- Covenant to Care for Foster Families
- Faith Family Kitchen
- Hands of Hope Food Pantry & Outreach Center
- Homeless Ministries
- Hospital Chaplaincy

Individual St. Peter's Lutheran members regularly give their time and talents to Faith Family Kitchen and Hospital Chaplaincy, and our church donates money and items to Covenant to Care, and A Baby Center through our spring diaper collection. For more information see the Council website:

<https://www.capecodcouncilofchurches.org/>

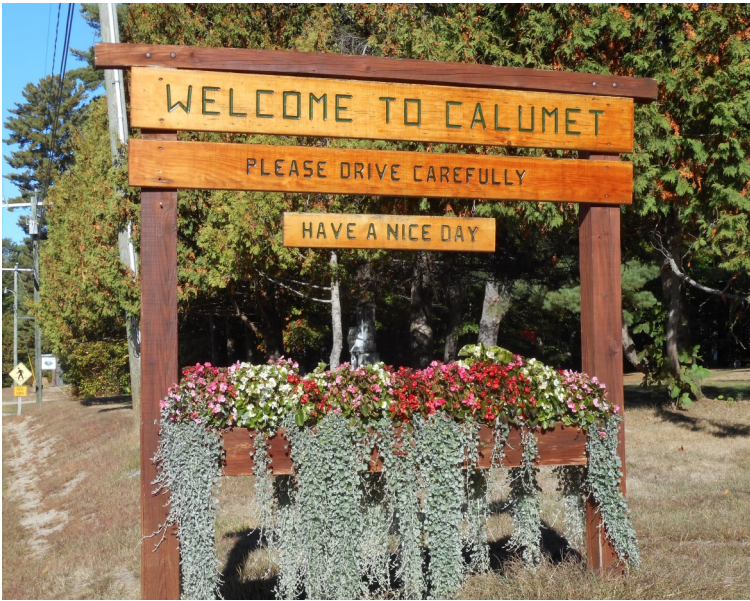
Women's Bible Study

The next Women's Bible Study will meet on **Saturday, November 1 at 10:00 am** in the Luther Room.

Second Sunday Service

Our second service with a focus on healing is **Sunday, November 2 at 11:15 am.**

Photos from Our September Trip to Calumet



From Thursday, September 17 through Sunday, September 21, St. Peter's had sixteen people attend Camp Calumet in West Ossipee, NH. With beautiful weather in a gorgeous location, everyone had a fabulous time.

Our 2026 dates are September 17-20. Perhaps you'd like to attend in 2026?





**P.S.A.L.M. Group
Prepares for the Cranberry Fair
November 22 from 9 am to 2 pm**



The P.S.A.L.M. Group is busy preparing for the Cranberry Fair on November 22. Shoppers will be able to select from an assortment of delicious holiday cookies at Cookie Lane, Baked Goods & Homemade Pies, Silent Auction, 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, 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 home-made holiday cookies - a new recipe you've been wanting to try or perhaps a family favorite.



Demand for cookies and pies has grown each year.

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

CRANBERRY FOOD COURT...

Join us for lunch in the Cranberry Food Court: homemade soups, sandwiches, pulled pork, hot dogs and baked beans.

Proceeds will be used for outreach to women and children- particularly for homeless and at-risk students in the Nauset and Monomoy School Districts.

Last year we provided support for **114** students.

Remaining Fair items will be for sale after church **on Sunday, November 23.**

Proceeds from Sunday sales will benefit our Loaves and Fishes Pantry.

Thanks for your support!

Our next P.S.A.L.M. meeting is Thursday, November 13 @ 2:00 pm.

Come join us to feel the spirit moving through us!!



Attic Treasures at the Cranberry Fair

We will be having Attic Treasures again this year at the Cranberry Fair on Saturday November 22. Did you know that in recent years Attic Treasures has earned more than \$1,000 to give to homeless and at risk kids in the local schools? Want to help? Contact Trish Crocker or Peg Flood. Not only do we need your donations, but we need help setting up before the Fair and clearing out the rooms after the Fair.

Donations can be brought to the church starting Sunday, November 16 after worship through noon on Wednesday, November 19, and left in one of the two identified basement classrooms. Look for signs when you deliver donations.

We will have limited time and space to collect donations, so please be discriminating in what you donate and notice the restricted times you can drop off items. We have no storage space to accept donations except for the two designated rooms during these times. See below for acceptable donations.

What donations we accept for the Fair:

- Usable, attractive and salable household goods.
- Children's toys and storybooks.

What we cannot accept:

- No computers, TVs, small appliances, or other electronics.
- No clothing
- No books (except for children's storybooks)
- No children's equipment such as strollers, cribs or high chairs
- No large or heavy furniture. No desks.
- Nothing it takes 2 people to carry.
- No lamps that do not work or need rewiring.
- No single dishes, glasses, or silverware.
- No "advertising" mugs.
- No florist glass vases.
- Nothing broken or soiled.
- Nothing after November 19.

Our volunteers need time to sort and price.

Nothing you would not buy assuming you needed it.

Hope to see you at the Cranberry Fair!



St. Peter's Ministries

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Friday, November 7 at 1:30 pm in the Luther Room. We will not plan to meet on Friday, November 21 as that is set up day for the Fair.

We welcome both knitters and crocheters as we prayerfully create shawls. Please join us!

ESTHER CIRCLE

St. Peter's Esther Circle will gather on Tuesday, November 11 at 12:30 pm in the Luther Room for our regular meeting as we continue to prepare for the Cranberry Fair.



Cranberry Fair set up will be on Friday, November 21. Be sure to join us for the Fair on Saturday, November 22. Funds earned by Esther Circle contribute to the many outreach programs that we help to support.

SACRED SORROW



"Grief is not a problem to be solved nor a difficulty to be overcome. It is a sacred expression of love; a sacred sorrow."

St. Peter's Ministry for bereaved parents will meet on Thursday, November 20 at 1:30 pm in the Luther Room.

Please consider joining us if you have experienced the loss of a child. Our members find compassion and healing in mutual sharing and support.

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us."

Helen Keller

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

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 2025

The Spheroid Shape of the Earth

The Earth is an Oblate-Spheroid planet meaning it bulges at the equator and squashes at the poles. The diameter at the equator is 7,980 miles and 7,900 miles between poles. When the early molten Earth began rotating at super speeds, centrifugal forces caused the equator to bulge like it is today. Even the bulging of sea levels vary close to the equator.

Because of the Earth's bulge, the 20,949 foot Mount Chimborazo in Ecuador is higher than the 29,035 foot Mount Everest in Nepal. This fact is based on the distance the two mountains are from the center of the Earth. It's the bulge that makes the difference.

A person standing at the poles will weigh more than normal because the force of gravity is stronger. And if you stand on the equator, you will weigh less because there's more distance between you and the Earth's center. So, the Earth is not a perfect sphere as it would appear to be by most people!

First we thought the Earth was flat, then we thought it was a sphere, and today we know it is a spheroid sphere! God has always known about the shape of the Earth.



November Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 1 | Joseph Beasley |
| 1 | Jennifer Douglas |
| 5 | Donna Albert |
| 6 | Cathy Samples |
| 7 | Diane Stauss |
| 14 | Joan Burgert |
| 14 | Christine Sontag |
| 15 | Joan Ettore |
| 16 | Peter Sontag |
| 18 | Chase Kaser |
| 25 | Phyllis Webster |
| 28 | Alison Christensen |
| 28 | Zachary Steber |
| 28 | Isabella Coomber |



30	Al and Karen Stello
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Dear St. Peter's,

I am overwhelmingly grateful for the love and support I received in preparing for Kelly's Celebration of Life: Karen Beggs and the committee who orchestrated the luncheon with flowers for the tables to delivering the remaining food to the fire station; Craig Tocher who was asked to transcribe Randall Thompson's "Alleluia" for chorus to the organ for the Prelude AND to arrange variations of "It Is Well" for the Postlude; Susan Kiehnau who published the "pink" bulletin thru its many adaptations and reminded me of how a professional conducts business; the greeters, ushers and communion assistants who navigated the attendees like a cool breeze.

And then Pastor Roger Dennis who kept telling me to relax, go home. Knowing the history of some of his skills, I was grateful that I was in the hands of such experience and valued his guidance. He hit the bulls-eye!

It is not often an individual is gifted to see and feel the overwhelming power of love that resides in the church. I can now say, I received that gift from St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

I am most thankful for being a member,
Ralph Mercer

**Update
your information in
St. Peter's Directory!**

If you have any changes or if we don't have your birthday or anniversary listed, please send to:

Office@StPetersCapeCod.org

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.

November 2025 at St. Peter's

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

	Room Guide: CR Conference Room DN Downstairs Narthex FH Fellowship Hall LR Luther Room N Narthex S Sanctuary					1 10a Women's Bible Study LR 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
2 Daylight Savings Ends 9:30a Worship, Sanctuary 11:15 a Healing Service, Sanctuary	3 Election Day 1p Loaves & Fish FP 6p Men's AWOL LR	4 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Broad Reach Grief Group LR 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP	5 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH	6	7 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 1:30p Prayer Shawl LR 2p Choir S 3:30p Bell Choir LR	8 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
9 9:30a Worship, Sanctuary 3:30pm Dulcimer Fellowship Group, DN	10 1p Loaves & Fish FP 6p Men's AWOL LR	11 Veteran's Day 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 9a Veteran's Day Bkfst FH 12:30p Esther Circle LR 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 6p NAMM Meeting LR	12 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH 4p Y.O.H. Board Mtg LR	13 10a Pastoral Care Team Mtg CR 1p Finance Com Mtg CR 2p PSALM Meeting LR	14 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Choir S 3:30p Bell Choir LR	15 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
16 Home Communion Sunday 9:30a Worship, Sanctuary Cranberry Fair Donations Accepted	17 Cranberry Fair Donations Accepted 1p Loaves & Fish FP 4:30p SPLC @Faith Family Kitchen 6p Men's AWOL LR	18 Cranberry Fair Donations Accepted 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Broad Reach Grief Group LR 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP	19 Cranberry Fair Donations Accepted until Noon 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH 6p Council Mtg FH	20 130p Sacred Sorrow LR	21 Church office closed Cranberry Fair Set-up 10a Loaves & Fish FP 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 1:30p Prayer Shawl LR 2p Choir S 3:30p Bell Choir LR	22 Cranberry Fair, 9 am to 2 pm 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
23 9:30a Worship, Sanctuary 11a Dulcimer Fellowship Group DN 2p Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service S	24 1p Loaves & Fish FP 6p Men's AWOL LR	25 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP	26 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH	27 Thanksgiving Day	28 Church office closed	29 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
30 First Sunday of Advent 9:30a Worship, Sanctuary						