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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 June

While the church remains closed
join us virtually for
Sunday and Wednesday
worship services on



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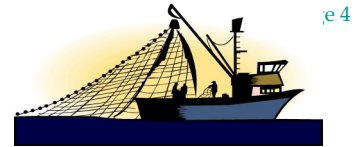
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Remember Father's Day on June 21

2020 JUNE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

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View From the Deck



Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ!

Lutheran theology often articulates a “both...and....” We are both sinners *and* saints. The Kingdom of God is both now *and* not yet. Jesus is both God *and* human.

I think this “both-and” will serve us well as we continue to navigate the COVID19 pandemic, summer time on the Cape and what ‘reopening’ might look like for St. Peter’s. As many of you know, the Council appointed an ‘Oversight Team for Reopening’ which is considering options and making recommendations. The team is working to come up with safe protocols for outdoor worship. This will happen in phases, beginning as a small mid-week service and then expanding. We will continue to offer virtual services on-line, as we know that the majority of our congregation falls into the higher risk (over 65 years old and/or pre-existing conditions) category. In fact, we are exploring ways we can upgrade the technology we have and use, so that when we are back in the sanctuary for worship we can more easily live-stream and/or record services for those unable or choosing not to come. We need to be flexible. We need to be patient. And we need a sense of adventure! Yes, adventure. If you can’t resonate with that, how about ‘new venture.’ As Bishop Hazelwood of the New England Synod, said, if we are expecting a quick return to the “normalcy” of “January church” we will be both disappointed and frustrated. On the other hand, if we take the approach that the Spirit, whose coming we celebrate this Sunday on Pentecost, is leading us on new ventures we can move through these uncertain times trusting that God will do something new.

That’s just it! After Jesus died, things did not return to the way things were before. After Jesus died, God didn’t say, “We need to make the best of a bad situation. I’ll send you the Holy Spirit to help you get through this.” Yes, the Holy Spirit is called “Helper.” But God’s vision is bigger:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth... (Acts 1:8)

Some of the disciples have been “paralyzed with fear.” Some have been “waiting and praying.” Suddenly, on Pentecost, a wind fills the house where they are staying. It doesn’t just blow through the house. It blows through their hearts and minds and very souls! “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability (2:4).” How will God’s Spirit surprise us? How will God’s Spirit work through us to strengthen old relationships and form new ones – for the sake of sharing the gospel in word and deed?

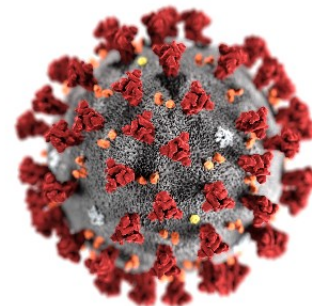
God will do something new. Let us not merely remember Pentecost. Together, let us prepare for God’s Spirit to guide us. Let us prepare to *live* Pentecost in new ways.

Pastor Christian

Through the Lens of Science...

By Doug Kenney 508 430-6379

Doug is a retired science teacher who lives at Wingate of Harwich and joyfully shares a monthly newsletter article with us.



POTENTIAL Coronavirus VACCINES

by Doug Kenney

Oxford University in England is the first to begin clinical trials of their vaccine called: ChAdOx1 nCoV-19. About 1,110 people will receive the vaccine. Half of them will receive the vaccine and the other half (the control group) will receive a widely available meningitis vaccine in the Thames Valley area. The vaccine is based on an adenovirus vector and the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein. SARS stands for: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. The vaccine should generate good immune responses against the virus. Participants will be aged 18 to 55 years old and be in good health.

Universities all over the world are racing to identify reliable coronavirus vaccines.

The Kaiser Permanente Washington Research Center in Seattle has developed a vaccine called: mRNA-1273. The center is a biotechnology company pioneering the messenger RNA vaccines. The first volunteer was dosed at the National Institute of Health located in Bethesda, Maryland. Bill and Melinda Gates have awarded a 5 million dollar grant!

The World Health Organization favors a drug called: Remdesivir. It turns out, a man was recently hospitalized, and on day 7 this experimental drug was given to him. By the next day, he improved dramatically! There's another drug called: Chloroquine that appears to be a potential coronavirus vaccine, and trials are about to begin.

The Bacillus Calmette-Guerin vaccine is widely used around the world. It does more than prevent TB (tuberculosis); it sharply reduces the incidence of respiratory infections! It was given to thousands of health care workers in Australia and the Netherlands.

A vaccine called CoroFlu has been developed by the Univ. of Wisconsin in Madison. If the genetic sequences of the coronavirus are inserted into M2SR it could be a vaccine for both the Coronavirus and the Flu. Virologists have rated CoroFlu as a promising vaccine.

The University of Queensland in Australia has developed a vaccine called: S - Spike jab. The vaccine was created by hijacking the virus's own infectious properties. It produced a protein that's identical to the one on the virus's surface. That protein is the essence of the vaccine, and it has already shown much promise in treating animals.

"CureVac" is a company in Germany that plans to test a new vaccine in June, 2020. They will not name this vaccine until the tests prove to be worthwhile. When a vaccine is approved by the FDA, it must be risk-free for public consumption.



P.S.A.L.M. [People Sharing and Learning More]



Happy Summer!

We wish to extend a heartfelt, sincere THANK YOU to all who contributed to A Baby Center for our annual diaper and wipes drive.

Next month we will publish a report on total funds received for these needy families.

Be safe. Be well. Be blessed.



We are deeply saddened by the passing of our friend, Doris Rugerro. We will miss her pleasant, positive demeanor and her help with getting jewelry ready for the Cranberry Fair.

Although we are not yet meeting in person, we continue to keep in touch by phone and email and all seem to be coping with these challenging circumstances. Let's keep a positive attitude, keep each other in our prayers and get out to enjoy the warmer weather as we are able!



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

Although we still aren't meeting in person, we can certainly keep in touch by phone or email. In addition there are online resources for those who are bereaved. Please check out the website for The Compassionate Friends (www.compassionatefriends.org) or Bereaved Parents of the USA (bereavedparentsusa.org) for articles and newsletters that may be helpful. If you would just like to chat with someone please contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or marianne@oboyle.net.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Knitting and crocheting are perfect activities for staying at home and there is always a need for prayer shawls. If you are looking for a new pattern to try there are many free patterns to be downloaded from the internet. It's also a good time to use up some of the yarn we have stashed away or to finish a project that we started awhile back and never completed.

NOTES AND LETTERS

**Manya Natalie Gairdelli**

April 4, 1936—April 25, 2020

Dear Pastoral Care Team,

Thank you for the sympathy card, your kind words, prayers and thoughts are greatly appreciated. Manya adored the children and families at St. Peter's, as well as the team. Best, Bob & Eva



Dear People of St. Peter's,
Thank you so very much for the beautiful masks you made and sent. We are so very appreciative of your role in protecting our staff and the very vulnerable people that we support. Thank you for walking this walk with Mosaic with your prayers. It's been a tough time and your care and concern is felt.
Gratefully,
Kristy Smith



Dear Susanna Stephen Board,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2,000 to

The Family Pantry of Cape Cod.

Sincerely,
Christine H. Menard
Executive Director



SOUP KITCHEN IN PROVINCETOWN

Dear Susanna Stephen Board,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Soup Kitchen in Provincetown (SKIP), as well as the many people who benefit from our program, we wish to thank you for your thoughtful gift of \$500.00

We are most grateful for your generous support!

Sincerely,
Philip Franchini, Chairperson
Soup Kitchen in Provincetown

Greetings everybody at St. Peter's,

You have all been in my prayers during this pandemic crisis. I was saddened to hear the loss of Beu Strand. She was a vibrant cornerstone of SPLC. Always a presence and contributor to the ministry. I'll always have a special place in my heart for her and ???. Please accept this gift for the Memorial Fund in her memory. Stay well and faithful.

Love, Karen Spangler



NOTES AND LETTERS

May 17, 2020

Dear Pastors, Church Council and Church Members,

Thank you so much for a wonderful send-off. I thoroughly enjoyed the parade and the chance I had to briefly speak to everyone as they passed by in their cars. The balloons, signs, and cards were really appreciated. It was truly a surprise and a great way to begin my retirement.

I also want to thank everyone for all the cards with many thoughtful notes and expressions of thanks. It was a joy to read all of them.

A special "thank you" to the Church Council for the gift certificate for Georgetown Pottery. I've been receiving emails from Georgetown Pottery highlighting items in their "nature series." I'm going to have a hard time deciding what to order because they're all so beautiful. Whatever I end up choosing, I'll always think of all the members of St. Peter's when I use it.

Ken and I also enjoyed a delicious seafood pie and peach pie from Marion's Pie Shop which was given to us by the Council. So, our meal was a great ending to a perfect day.

I've enjoyed the past six years working at St. Peter's and will miss being part of the office staff. It was wonderful interacting with all of you and you'll be missed. (Hopefully, we'll be back a church "before we know it" and able to be together again.)

Blessings,
Lois Thomas



NOTES AND LETTERS

Winter into Spring

Dear Pastors Tiffany and Christian,

During this time of staying at home, we are very grateful for your ministry to us. It is a blessing to worship in our home each day, with various Pastors, Deacons, church musicians and laypersons in several congregations.

Thank you for the worship you so generously provide for us. It is a joy to see you and your daughters as we worship and the glimpses of Cape Cod are appreciated. WE do hope to be at worship with you again this year.

Blessings, MaryAnne & Bob Duk,

St. John's Lutheran, Poughkeepsie, NY and

St. Peter's in summer, a treasured once a year worship with you.



I am writing a most grateful note of thanks to my St. Peter's family. Last July 1, 2019 while visiting one of my daughters and her family, I had a bad fall down the stairs of their deck. My injuries (5 fractures to my neck) were too serious for surgery because of my age (94 the next week). The chief of neurosurgery at Lahey Clinic said it would take quite a while to recuperate, but it was a miracle that I survived without being paralyzed! The following week I went to a rehabilitation/nursing home in Stoneham, MA. While there, I received many prayers, cards, flowers and visits from so many loving and caring parishioners.

One special and surprise visit was from Pastor Christian, who came with his cello and played for all who were close by to hear. It was beautiful! Thank you, Pastor! After a two month stay at the rehab center, I was ready to be released on August 27, 2019. I was not well enough to be alone at my home on the Cape, but my family was very supportive. My oldest daughter and her husband (both retired) opened their home to me, along with a hospital bed and all else needed for my recovery. I am still at their home.

Last fall, I made a few visits to the Cape and St. Peter's. Each time I spent a few days at my best friend, Joan's home. Pastor Tiffany also visited me - Thank you, Pastor! Several other parishioners as well as some of my bridge players also visited with me. How wonderful it was to be with my friends again!!!

Now we are living in the midst of Covid-19 with so many extraordinary conditions to abide by. I'm praying that all will return to normal soon and I'll be able to return to my Harwich home. So again, may I say a heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to everyone - until we meet again.

God Bless You All,
Edie Peterson
May 18, 2020





cape cod and islands
**MAJOR CRISIS
RELIEF FUND**

May 18, 2020

St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Cape Cod
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Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Cape Cod,

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$1,000 on 04/30/20. Your support of the Cape and Islands Major Crisis Relief Fund (MCRF) makes a huge difference as we provide financial assistance to those residents who have been hit the hardest by COVID19.

We have been preparing for a crisis like this for four years. The MCRF was ready to respond as soon as the pandemic was declared. The very first thing we did was buy supermarket cards and Visa gift cards to help people with their immediate needs of food, household items and gas money for transportation.

As the Coronavirus pandemic continues, the human need for basic necessities will increase exponentially. We are prepared. As a program of the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, Inc., the MCRF is perfectly positioned to help Cape Codders and Islanders.

Thank you for your generosity and for being in the circle of neighbors helping neighbors. We are all in this together and together we will be Cape Cod strong.

With much gratitude,

Judy Walden Scarafale
Managing Director

P.S.: To find out up-to-date information in the case of a disaster, please go to www.majorcrisisrelieffund.org.

The Major Crisis Relief Fund is a program of The Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, Inc. which is a 501(c)(3) organization as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. Gifts are tax-deductible. No goods or services were given for this contribution.

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Dear Church
Members -
Thank you so
very much for
your very generous
donation to the fund.
We have had over 1,000
needs for assistance so
know your gift
went to good use
right away.
We really
appreciate
your support
as we
help our
neighbors.
Judy



Skyeler Sandison, Nauset Regional High School

1. Some of the highlights of my time in high school are definitely when I scored my 1,000th career point and being able to have the opportunity to make many friends who are so different than me.
 2. I will be glad to leave behind the social cliques that come with high school.
 3. Three things I will be taken with me into the future are my friendships, the valuable information I have learned in high school, and my experiences.
 4. I am sad about missing out on my senior week and our scheduled graduation.
 5. I will be attending UMass Boston and I will be playing basketball for the school.
 6. I will be studying environmental science.
 7. You can achieve anything you work for.
- Thank you for everything you have done for me!

Chris Kaufmann



has graduated from Simmons University with a Masters degree in Information Science and Technology.

1. What are some highlights from your time in graduate school? Besides the constant geeking out and using what I learn and do at school in my work, I would have to say studying in Korea last summer. I'm so fortunate to have been able to have that experience.
2. What will you be glad to leave behind? Taking classes in summer. Working on Cape Cod in summer is nuts enough; add in juggling school and visiting friends and family and it makes even time that should be enjoyable completely frenetic.
3. What are three things you want to take with you into your future? Mostly knowing how much I can accomplish: I never thought I would be able to do as

much as I did, let alone with so many other things going on in my life. I showed myself how capable I am (with the support of the wonderful people in my life, of course) and I hope to take that with me in everything I do. I also want to maintain friendships, particularly those of classmates I traveled with in Korea, and the lessons I learned through studying other cultures.

4. What are you sad about in this time of COVID and the end of your Masters program? I'm saddest about all the people having to suffer or celebrate alone; I hope it reinforces for all of us how lucky we are to be a part of such a wonderful and supportive community.
5. What are your plans for the fall? I'm entering into a PhD program in Library and Information Science, and will be the Dean's Fellow for Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives at Simmons.
6. What will you be studying? My primary focus is using technology resources to improve information access for adults with intellectual or other disabilities.
7. What are some words of wisdom you'd like to share with the congregation? I don't know about wisdom, but I'm happy to help people troubleshoot their computers ;)

We also celebrate the graduations of

***Kayla Jolibois from Monomoy Regional High School and
Christian Augat from Nauset Regional High School.***

Please congratulate them on a job well done and send encouragement their way as they launch into unknown futures.

Welcome New Members



From Jane Silveria

I moved to South Harwich in 2008 to live with my sister following my husband's death. This Cape house has been in the family for 60 years. I have 2 sons and 2 adult grandsons, one in college and one a Marine. Before retiring in 1999 I was a Pediatric Nurse for 42 years. Now I enjoy gardening and reading and volunteering at Broad Reach Hospice. New to The Lutheran Church, I am grateful to St. Peter's for offering me a return to Faith.



From Tony and Tova Esposito

For several summers, my wife, Tova, and I vacationed in Brewster because of the natural beauty of the area and the ready availability of the sparkling ponds in Nickerson State Park and the sweeping beaches of the National Seashore. In many respects, the Cape was a more temperate version of my native state, Maine. During our vacations here, I had the opportunity to visit St. Peter's and to experience the welcome and warmth of the congregation, the familiar and reassuring music, and the thoughtful and engaging sermons offered by Tiffany and Christian. And when time came to consider the question of where to retire, Tova and I agreed Brewster was an attractive option – and we have not been disappointed: All of the wonders of Cape Cod that we found so appealing as tourists have been amplified as we have become a part of the community. Tova continues to work part-time as a bookkeeper, and I as an infectious diseases physician, but our hearts are now fixed on our new home and community.



From Brian and Laura Carlstrom

We are from Brewster. We have been married for 32 years and have four grown children. Three live in New York City and one in Los Angeles, so we have some fun places to visit, when we can. We have lived in Cape Cod for only about two years, after moving around the country quite a few times for work. We enjoy outdoor activities, so the variety of landscapes and the natural beauty of the Cape during all seasons are allowing us to have some good adventures. We are both lifelong Lutherans and look forward to becoming active members of the congregation.



The O'Gorman Family

We also welcome into church membership the

O'Gorman family, Ruth-Anne and Brian, and their adult children Aaron and Joanna, who transfer from First Lutheran Church, W. Barnstable.

We welcome as a friend of the church **Daniel Horgan**

Welcome New Staff

Joanie Keating

Ministry Administrator

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Greetings St. Peter's Community!

I am happy to introduce myself for now on paper but look forward to the day when we can meet in person. I have been married to my soulmate, Chris, for 20 years. We met on a Catholic Young Adult cruise in Boston where I was born. My parents, who are great models of faith, are still in my childhood home in Dorchester. Chris and I are blessed with 3 children (Molly, 19, Christopher, 18, Joseph, 12). We have a dog named Champ and a brand new Irish Setter puppy, Brady. Although we are avid Patriots fans he is NOT named after TB12 but my dear late Aunt Eileen Brady.

We moved to Orleans last summer from Sandwich. Chris is a native Cape Codder, growing up in Falmouth and my family always summered in Sandwich but when we were exploring places to move it clicked with us that Orleans could be "our" town. We have loved exploring all the beautiful walking trails and beaches on the Lower Cape!

I am an active member at St. Joan of Arc Church, and previously at Our Lady of Hope in West Barnstable. One positive from this pandemic is that we have been able to "see" our old friends at OLH by attending "virtual coffee hour" weekly. I have been a religious education teacher for 13 years as well as a volunteer for many summers at First Lutheran's VBS in West Barnstable. Ecumenicalism is not new to me but has long been something I've worked for.

If someone was to show up with a tray of delicious something for me, I would love it to be anything chocolate, except cheesecake! Ask me for a funny story about this. My favorite church-y song is "We are called" by David Haas. The verse... "We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God." was our motto that my co-director and I chose for our Campus Ministry at Regis College. It is still dear to my heart 20 years later.



My favorite Bible story is Jonah and the Whale. As a child I listened to a musical version of the story and thought they were singing "Joan and the Whale." I thought it was cool because it was my name. As an adult, I have come to love it because it is a story of God's mercy and compassion for us even when we try to hide or run away. God's grace is a beautiful gift.

The one question I'd ask God someday is "Why didn't you get my message that it should rain and snow only during the night so that all our days could be sunny?" I'm sure there's a good answer besides the scientific reasons. I have only been on staff for two weeks and truly appreciate the warm welcome from members I've met in person, virtually and by phone. I have been so impressed also by the generosity of members' treasures and talents that I have already witnessed being shared at St. Peter's! I hope to meet you all soon!

Peace, Joanie

Welcome New Staff

Sue Swartz

Church Operations Administrator



I lived in New Hampshire for 17 years and moved here a year ago.

I live in Centerville.

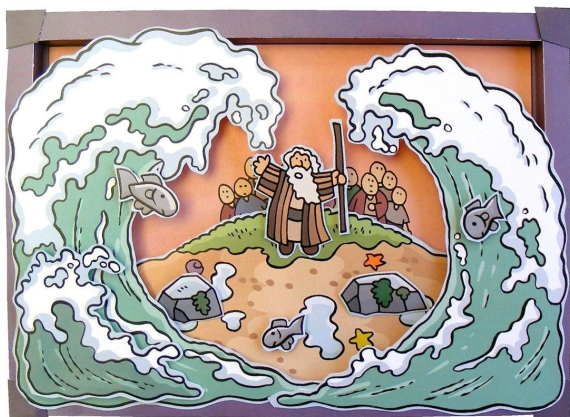
I have a son Michael age 30 and a daughter Ashley age 28. Both kids are on their own.

I also have two dogs Sammy and Bella who I completely love to pieces. A third might be in the cards for me.

I don't have a church yet.

I love cupcakes, chocolate or vanilla, makes no difference.

I have always loved Amy Grant and any of her songs.



My favorite Bible story would have to be in Exodus with Moses parting the Red Sea. Would love to actually go there one day.

You and your husband impressed me with St. Peter's. I think it's pretty neat that you co pastor.

I also am an avid tennis player 🎾.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

<i>Anna Conklin</i>	<i>Jun 1</i>
<i>Rodney Schuller</i>	<i>Jun 4</i>
<i>Ruth Duben</i>	<i>Jun 7</i>
<i>Andrea Michaels</i>	<i>Jun 7</i>
<i>Cara Jolibois</i>	<i>Jun 08</i>
<i>Lucie Carlsen</i>	<i>Jun 11</i>
<i>Keeton Arnett</i>	<i>Jun 15</i>
<i>Brenda Niemi</i>	<i>Jun 15</i>
<i>Dorothy Kean</i>	<i>Jun 18</i>
<i>Kayden Kaser</i>	<i>Jun 21</i>
<i>Alexandria Sadlemire</i>	<i>Jun 26</i>
<i>Lou Meyer</i>	<i>Jun 27</i>



<i>Donald & Patricia Anderson</i>	<i>June 8</i>
<i>Jim & Linda Merriam</i>	<i>June 8</i>
<i>Hank & Caroline Ritz</i>	<i>June 11</i>
<i>Bill & Alice Vaughan</i>	<i>June 12</i>
<i>Russ & Elena Peterson</i>	<i>June 24</i>
<i>Donald & Donna Albert</i>	<i>June 25</i>
<i>Bob & Marcia Harris</i>	<i>June 26</i>
<i>Melissa & Kevin Clayton</i>	<i>June 27</i>
<i>Kelly & Ralph Mercer</i>	<i>June 28</i>
<i>Curt & Jennifer Douglas</i>	<i>June 29</i>
<i>Ted & Judy Helm</i>	<i>June 29</i>

Please contact the office if you would like to add or remove your Birthday or Anniversary in our Newsletter

During current restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, those wishing to resume walking on Tuesdays can meet at the first parking lot of Hardings Beach in Chatham at 8:30 am. The open space of this beach area, as well as the low traffic, provides, for now, social distancing. There will be no breakfast following the walk.

To be on the notification list, send an email to jay.tichenor@gmail.com with your email address.

ST. PETER'S WALKING GROUP



Let the one anxious
about the future
Begin to keep a garden,
For its discipline is a teacher of virtue:
Today's labor is what secures our hope
To events yet to be,
Be it with the rake and hoe,
With the practices of citizenship,
Or with prayer and song.



George R. Pasley
February 26, 2013
Ketchikan Alaska

Doris H Ruggero, 94, of Harwich, MA passed away on Monday, May 18, 2020, surrounded by her family and listening to her favorite program's theme song from "Outlander", which was recorded for her by her grandson & his partner.

Doris was born on January 4, 1926 in Weehawken, NJ to the late Robert & Helen Franke. She graduated High School and secretarial school, after which she worked for Citibank in NYC.

She attended St John's Episcopal Church where she met the love of her life, late husband Nicholas D Ruggero. They married in 1949 and lived in Union City, NJ until 1956 when they moved to Glen Rock, NJ. After taking time off to be a stay-at-home mom, she returned to work as a secretary for the Glen Rock Board of Education.

After her husband's death in 2002, she continued to live in Glen Rock, until 2007 when she moved to Harwich, MA. Cape Cod was their favorite vacation spot since the early 70's and the planned retirement location for her two daughters.

Doris was an active member of St Peter's Lutheran Church of Cape Cod in Harwich and participated in the Esther Circle group.

She is survived by daughters Lynn Hatch (husband Richard) of Harwich and Jean Leidenfrost (husband Frank) of Brewster, MA, her two grandsons Christopher Leidenfrost (partner Rick Allen Wilson) of Baldwin, NY and Thomas Leidenfrost of Brewster, as well as Frank's children, her grandchildren of the heart, Paul Leidenfrost of W Yarmouth, MA and Kimberly Vasgersian of Wycoff, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to St Peter's Lutheran Church of Cape Cod, Harwich or Broad Reach Hospice and Palliative Care, N Chatham.



George H. Fuchs, 84, of Newington, husband of Ruth (Turnrose) Fuchs, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2020, at his home.

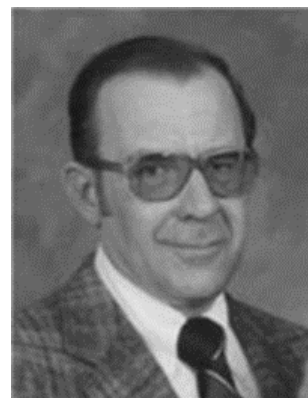
Born in Princeton, NJ, he was a former New Britain resident, moving to Newington in 1970. A graduate of Princeton, NJ High School, George received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music from Westminster Choir College in Princeton. A former member of The New Jersey and Connecticut National Guards, he was organist and Minister of Music at First Lutheran Church in New Britain for over 35 years. He later worked as organist at Christ Lutheran Church in Middletown. George was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain; and was Director of the Wennerberg Chorus.

Besides his wife Ruth, he leaves two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Turnrose of New Britain; and Carolyn Gibb and her husband William of Northampton, MA; several nieces and nephews including a niece Ann Broderick of Woodbury and a nephew, William Gibb of Northfield, VT.

Funeral services are Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 11a.m. at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Calling hours are Wednesday morning from 10 to 11 AM at the Funeral Home.

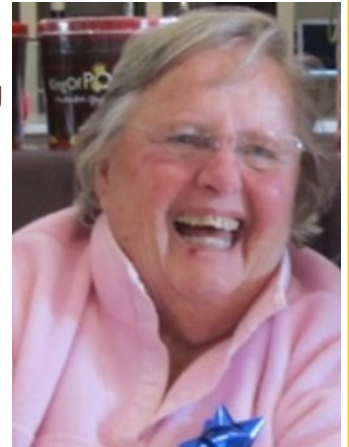
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The First Lutheran Church Organ Fund, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com.



Obituaries

Beverly Joan Nyberg Strand died on Sunday May 10, 2020 in Harwich, MA at the age of 88 years. She was the daughter of Carl Wilfred Nyberg and Doris Cole Nyberg of Braintree, MA. After graduating from Braintree High School, she attended the Lutheran Bible Institute in Teaneck, NJ. There she met her future husband, the Rev. Burton D. Strand, with whom she raised their four children, Paul, Kathy, Tina and Stephen. They were married for 48 years until his death in 2004.



The world is not going to be the same without “Bev.” She was a raconteur, an author of endless rhyming couplets usually set to music, and had the ability to talk to strangers as if she had known them her whole life. She knew every nook and cranny of Cape Cod and delighted in finding some out-of-the-way spot where she could stop and just look out at the water.

She had always been a busy pastor’s wife, and absolutely adored children! She was a natural when it came to teaching and interacting with them. In the 1960s and 1970s she founded and directed two successful nursery schools, and then later in life worked in a day center for the elderly on Cape Cod.

All enjoyed her infectious laugh, lunches out, endless summers of fun, eating the best pork roast, finding the best sunset, and her giving the “coziest” hugs. She was kind, thoughtful, caring, and a devoted mother and grandmother. Known for her incredible wit and humor, she was still making her family and friends laugh until the end of her life. She’s left a lasting imprint on everyone who knew her. Her family is at peace knowing that she is finally at rest and watching sunsets with so many of her loved ones, including her beloved Burt.

In addition to Burt, she was predeceased by her parents, a very special stepmother Tyra Alquist Nyberg, her brothers Carl and Jon Nyberg, and her grandson Luke Strand. She is survived by her four children and her five grandchildren - Nathaniel, Tyra, Rebekah, Annika, and Aaron.

A memorial service will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Harwich, MA at a later date when gathering for worship is safe.

We have also learned that Don Holtz died on May 5, 2020. He lived in Cornelius, NC. Don and Shirley will be interred in the Memorial Garden at St. Peter's at a future date. An obituary is not available.

***Rest eternal grant Doris, Bev, George & Don,
O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.***

And may God comfort all those who mourn.

Council Corner

Council met for the regular May meeting via Zoom
Items:

1. Joanie Keating has started
2. Susan Swartz will be starting this week
3. The new Website is under construction
4. A number of memorial services will be conducted later in the year
5. 3 students are in their second year of Confirmation Class and are writing their Statements of Faith
6. General Discussion of re-opening church
7. Re -opening Task Force appointed: Pastor Christian, Pastor Tiffany, Karen Beggs, Jane Wordsworth, Ken Thomas
8. Software Task Force Formed

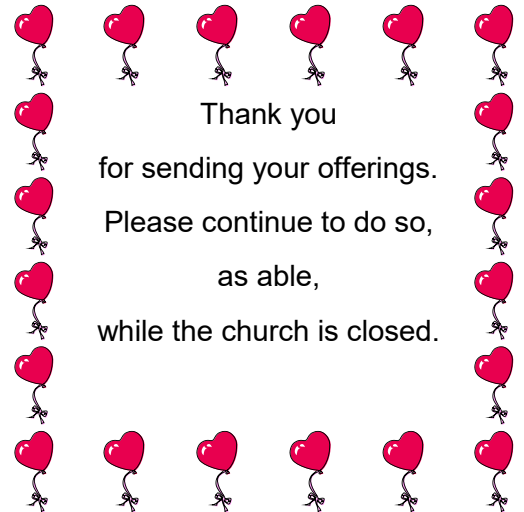


Sincerely,
Ken Thomas
Council Secretary

Financial Status – April 30, 2020



	Actual	Budget
Income	\$172,262.	\$150,373.
Expense	\$114,949.	\$120,484.
Net Income	\$ 57,313.	\$ 29,889.



The PSALM Group is inviting you to again support *A Baby Center* by making monetary gifts through St. Peter's. [A donation via PayPal or credit card can be made on the St. Peter's website](#) or checks may be mailed to the church. (Please note "*A Baby Center*" in the memo portion of the check.) Thank you in advance for your continued support.