

St. Peter News

September 2010

St. Peter Lutheran Church of Malta, NY

A Nurturing Community of Faith
Reaching Out to All With the Love of Christ

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Now is a Good Time

In many ways our society runs on a "School Year Schedule". That is to say, the Fall feels more like the beginning of a new year than does January. The Summer is a more laid back, even lazy time. It's a time for vacations and trips to the mountains or to the shore. In the fall things really gear up once again.

Our rhythm of ministry at St. Peter, likewise seems to run on a "School Year Schedule" rather than a calendar year schedule. Maybe it's because Sunday School resumes and because attendance picks up as vacations wind down.

The beginning of this "New Year" is a good time to make a "New Years Resolution" for renewal. It is difficult to sustain our effort levels and our energy levels that are called for when we try to reform ourselves or establish better and healthier patterns of behavior. This happens in our diets, in our exercise regimens, our efforts to be better people and in our efforts to be more faith filled people.

But the more times we try, the more likely we are to eventually succeed. The more we gain support and encouragement from others, the more likely we are to make real progress on the goals we set for ourselves.

Lets' make this fall an occasion for renewed dedication for attendance. "Regular attendance" means different things to different people. I know that Worship and Sunday School compete with other activities. And I accept the fact that sometimes in the overall balance of things those other activities do win out. But sometimes the pattern of missing an occasional Sunday turns into missing most Sundays or even all Sundays. Let's not let the occasional missed Sunday at worship or Sunday School become a reason for frequent or regularly missed Worship or Sunday School.

Let's make this fall a time to reexamine our giving. Like just about every other congregation I know, we are not keeping pace with the giving goals we set for ourselves. Layoffs and cutbacks and uncertain times have taken their toll. We are asking those who are able to help compensate for those who are not able.

Let's also renew our dedication to learning. We have worked hard to recruit a very talented staff of teachers and leaders. You can encourage and support them by your attendance and the participation. And you can be enriched by gathering with others to learn and to share in fun and

in ministries: Sunday School for age 3 through adult, Choir, Women's Group, Men's Group, Prayer Group, Habitat for Humanity, luncheons, dinners, special worship services, and more.

There is no better time than now to renew our commitments to our Lord, to one another and to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Pastor Peter Klotz



Tell me about...the Outreach and Food Pantry

Dave Zilcosky delivers food from the basket under the Altar usually on a monthly basis to the Christ Episcopal Church food pantry in Ballston Spa. There is a special request for toothpaste and clothing detergent. Please remember those in need when you do your grocery shopping.



Prayer Group Ministry meets the second Monday of each month at 1 PM

The Prayer Group meets at 1:00 p.m. on the **2nd Monday of each month** at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Pastor Klotz leads the meeting. It lasts for about an hour. During that time, we mention our individual prayer concerns and review the status of concerns from previous months as well as the recent additions from Sunday services. Everyone is welcome at the meeting.

If anyone is interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Klotz. If you are interested in the ministry, but cannot attend during the day, let us know if you would like to be part of an evening group. If you are interested in being added to a **Prayer Request** “chain” please speak with Cass or Betty.



A New Music Ministry Idea

There has been interest expressed in beginning a new Church Chime group. Church Chimes are an easier and more economical version of Hand Bells. These chimes can be played by slightly older children through adults. We can also have groups made up of children and adults. We can be as basic or complex as we are able. Groups could “punctuate” the regular parts of worship, hymns and/or prepare anthems or other music.

Several families and individuals have already expressed interest. We are currently considering what would constitute a basic starter set and what the cost of such a set would be. We will be asking for designated gifts to help with this expense, since we did not include this in our 2010 budget.

Watch for more information as we move forward. If you are interested or if you have questions, speak with Pastor Klotz or Lauren Whalen.



St. Peter Church Photo Directory

Have you made your appointment? To schedule your appointment, please call the office or speak with Pastor or Gail. Sittings are to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 15th and Thursday, Sept. 16th from 2 PM to 9:20 PM. Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.

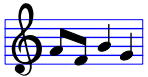


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Did you know....

St. Peter Lutheran Church is on Facebook.com?



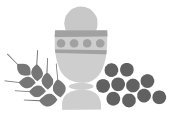
Choir Rehearsal



resumes September 23rd at 7 PM!

Malta Community Day Shenentaha Park on Eastline Road September 11th 9 AM – 3 PM

Greeters: We are asking that you sign-up for a two hour time slot for this day.
(9 AM – 11 AM, 11 AM – 1 PM, 1– 3 PM)



*We are in great need of people to join the rotation for Communion Set-up.
If you are interested, please speak with Pastor.*



A “**Hearing Assist**” device is available

If you wish further information, please speak with
Pastor or any musician.



.....the Mary Martha's

**resumes the 2nd and 4th Thursdays
of each month at 10 AM September – June**

The MaryMartha Women's Group will begin the fall season on September 9 at 10:00 a.m. with a meeting and Bible study. We will review our women of the Bible study from Eve through Deborah to refresh our minds, so if you missed any of the sessions or you are new to the group, please join us. Our new study will be on Jephthah's daughter - who is she? We have enjoyed studying not only the well known women of the Old Testament, but a few of these very obscure women who had a story worth telling.

Our meetings will continue on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. If anyone has any new ideas for fellowship or outreach projects, please bring it up at our meeting. Hope to see everyone there! Call Linda Ciulla at 664-8457 or email jciulla1@nycap.rr.com for more information.

All women are welcome, whether you are 19 or 109, think about and pray how you can be a part of the women's ministry here at St. Peter.



the Men's Breakfast Bunch

will meet again on Sept. 11th at 7:30 AM

We meet for breakfast the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 AM, for fellowship and occasionally those who have some time regather for "little projects" at Church. Breakfast is at 7:30 AM – Saratoga Diner on South Broadway
Call Pastor Klotz if you have any questions.
Come join us for breakfast and conversation!



.....the Women's Book Group....

The Women's Book Group will be having a social outing on September 2. No book has been selected. Please call Betty Gourlay at 581-8292 for details.



The American Red Cross has scheduled

January 15, 2011 from 7:30 – 11:30 AM at St. Peter Lutheran Church. If you are interested in helping with refreshments or registering donors as they arrive, please speak with Pastor. Appointments will be made by donors with the American Red Cross. More information will be available in the near future.



Drapes for the Sunday School room

We are looking for a few good sewers to help make drapes for the Sunday School room (greatly needed to buffer noise in the room and will also help keep the room cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter). Or a donation of drapes to match the room. There are 4 windows measuring 54" wide by 45" high. Please speak with Pastor if you are interested in either helping with the construction of the drapes or the donation of drapes.



.... the Craft Group

will meet again – Friday, Sept. 17th

You do not have to “join” or attend a meeting to help with this outreach project. We are always accepting hats, scarves, lap blankets, Prayer Shawls and walker/wheelchair bags. The hats and scarves generally go to the Shelters of Saratoga and the walker/wheelchair bags and lap blankets to Wesley Nursing Home. Recently we expanded our ministry, presenting each baby Baptized at St. Peter with a crocheted or knitted blanket made by one of the members of St. Peter.

If you know of someone that would like a Prayer Shawl, walker/wheelchair bag or lap blanket, please contact Gail.

Sunday School, First Communion and Adult classes will resume

Sept. 12th at 9:15 AM

Make Sunday School a part of your child's week!

We now have Sunday School teachers, however, assistants and helpers are still desirable. Also, if you wish to enroll your child in Sunday School, please speak with Pastor.

September Birthdays!



Happy Birthday

*Laura Arpey & Jon Montgomery (1st)
David Gottschalt (2nd), Kara Sikora (8th)
Mike Fredericksen (9th)
Nathaniel O'Neill & Ethan Sisk (10th)
Helen White & Grace May (15th)
Annika Rieger (16th), Bill Curtiss (18th)
Kathryn McTiernan (20th)
George Sikora & Alexander Wildermuth (21st)
Rachel Farstad (23rd), Ava Schneider (25th),
Todd Fecura & Kyle McKeighan (27th)
Thomas Auletta & Dave Zilcosky (28th)
And David Klotz (29th)*



Save the Date

Sept. 2nd – Book Group meets 1 PM

Sept. 9th – Mary Marthas meet 10 AM

Sept. 11th – Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM
Malta Community Day (rain date 9/12)
Shenantaha Creek Park

Sept. 12th – Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult classes
begin 9:15 AM

Sept. 13th – Prayer Group 1 PM
Council meets 7 PM

Sept. 15th & 16th – Church Directory Photos 2:00 PM - 9:20 PM

Sept. 16th – The Crafty Ladies will meet at Noon

Sept. 23rd – Mary Marthas meet 10 AM
Choir Rehearsal 7 PM

Jan. 15th – Red Cross Blood Drive 7:30-11:30 AM

Online Calendar – <http://my.calendars.net/stpetermalta>

BUDGET SNAPSHOT

Financial Snapshot -As of July 31, 2010

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Income	\$63,575	\$72,665
Expenses	\$72,382	\$74,664
Difference	-\$8,807	-\$1,999

If you have any questions,
please speak with Pastor or Sheldon Scribner.



Bloopers and Holy Humor

“There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments!! " answered the lady."



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