

What's Happening: June 23, 2023

We hold in our prayers this week:

For the repose of the soul: Cynthia Hall

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Tom Purdy, Molly Simon, Cynthia Yoder, Keira Gardner, Jim & Linda Good, Bob Lewis, John & Mary Etta Bitter, Jo Oldenburg, Peggy Zimmer, Harold Babbit, Rick Nash

Homebound Parishioners: Anida Balmer, Cynthia Hall, Kay McKelvey, Sheena James, Doug Bradfield, Ed & Marlene Wilkinson, Margo Tennant

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Sharlene Page (Bob & Christine Schauer), Christopher Taylor (Sarah Taylor), Ginger Hill (Marci Rich), Brynn Purdy, Ellie McMahon (Linda Purdy), Virginia Wepfer (Brenda Pongracz), David Stenger, Ryan Swanson (Ed & Julie Stenger), Christian Kneubel (Ann Wright), Grace Brockett (Cheshier Family), Lee Keller, (John Keller), Tristan (Jessica Philpott, Luke & Mark Sferra), Bonnie Jones, Gary Novak (Emily Malquest), Alyssa Cowling, Gerry Ross, Nacine Bryson, Paul Guinn (Joanne Hull), David Spencer (Beth O'Rourke), Dee & Dan Gale, Lee Mehnert, (Tom & Sue Andrews), Dan Erwine (Cindy Lemmerman), Tim Sweeney, Jim Miller, Frank, Carley Buhl (Liz Crosby), Weston (John Neumann), Elaine Glendening (Patti Dobro), Sue Nickel-Schindewolf, Michael Yancey (Amanda Chambers)

**Join us for Sunday Worship...
in person at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

The Rev. Mike Lager, Rector

The 10:00 a.m. service will be held at Lakewood Park. The 8:00 a.m. service will be held at St. Peter's. Please join us for the annual worship and picnic in the park.

Welcome to St. Peter's! If you are attending services, please use the back glass door off the parking lot (where the elevator is located) or the front door to enter the church. If you need any assistance, please see one of the ushers or Tom Newman, St. Peter's Sexton. Masks are required for all unvaccinated persons in building at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents, if you wish to bring little ones to church, the care room is open every week. Children are also encouraged to sit in their special area in the front of the church on the carpet. Older children who would like to come to church are always welcome. We have activity bags at the back of the church with things to do based on the message of the day.



June Outreach Focus of the Month: Youth Mission Trip

We are headed to Huntington, WV located in Cabell County Sunday, June 11 - Friday, June 16th with Appalachian Service Projects. This is a construction mission trip.

ASP Guiding Principles:

- We believe that each person is a child of God imbued with dignity and worth.
- We accept people right where they are and just the way they are.
- We believe that all people should be able to live in affordable, safe, and sanitary housing.
- We are committed to witnessing through the good quality of our work and careful stewardship of our resources.
- We believe God calls people to serve others as volunteer partners in ministry and we will encourage their growth in faith as they answer this call.
- Where ASP is involved in local communities we will encourage, affirm, and support the fair and just treatment of people.
- We believe in ministering in the spirit of love, acceptance, and hopefulness.

We will be participating in their mixed Jr. and Sr. school programs. These will be residential home improvement projects just like all our past years. We'll be improving living conditions for those that cannot fix or improve their current circumstances. As you who've joined us in the past know, it's not US fixing their lives but US meeting up with them and Jesus to do the work together. Jesus is already there, they are there, and we're just the 3rd party to show up. The priority is to build a relationship and treat the homeowners as our partners and we, theirs. There will be many others from other youth groups joining us including LAKEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL ACROSS THE STREET.

2023 Theme: Love Strong

Luke 10:27 says... *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself."*

This verse is a call to action, urging us to live as people who love God with everything we have and who extend the love of God to all people in need, our neighbors. We love God when we live fully in a relationship with God and our neighbor. We love our neighbor when we reach out with compassion to all in need. This connects deeply with ASP's core value of "accepting people right where they are, just the way they are." When we accept all people, share God's love with them, and embrace them as neighbors--we become those who Love Strong.

Our cost is \$350 per person plus snacks, drinks, equipment, some tools, fuel, and car rental. We are looking easily at a budget of \$6,000. We are planning for 12 missionaries. Your monetary donation is greatly appreciated as we haven't had the ability to do many fundraisers.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and continued support of this important ministry. Love to you all and may we all be thankful for the warm and dry homes we live in and may we always strive to help those that don't.





Safe Church Safe Communities is the replacement for Safeguarding God's Children (SGGC) Training. We will be offering this training TODAY, Sunday, June 25th following the 10 am worship service. We have a number of new children/youth volunteers and VESTRY who need to attend this initial training along with those that are in need of the "every 3-year" renewal mandate.

Safe church Safe Communities is a training program for child sexual abuse awareness and other abuses. The program provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and in the ministries in which they serve. Our diocese and insurance company mandate that volunteers working with children and all Vestry/Staff attend this training and keep up with renewal certification every 3 years.



Altar Flowers: Worship in our church is an experience of beauty. Every element of the service—the architecture, the altar hangings, the music, the people in the pews, and more—draws us closer to God by inviting us to bring our very best and laying it upon the altar. The flowers that bedeck that altar are an important and beautiful symbol of what we offer to God in our worship.

Altar Flowers have an added dimension to the worship... not only do they create beauty, they are then given to shut-ins, folks celebrating momentous occasions and special events, or just someone who needs a “pick-me-up!” Every member of the parish is invited to contribute to the beauty of our worship by giving the altar flowers on a particular Sunday to the glory of God and in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration for people or events that are important.

St. Peter’s has quite a number of Sundays available throughout the year for you to place flowers at the altar. If you would like to make a gift of altar flowers, you may do so by contacting the office at 216-226-1772. Seasonal flower arrangements are \$60. Call or stop by the office to reserve a date. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for contributing to the beauty of our worship.

As we head into the last quarter of the year, it is getting time for the next Worship Rota to be completed. We are looking to refill our ranks; therefore, if you have any desire to assist during either the 8:00 or 10:00 worship service, please contact the office at 216-226-1772 or via email at office@stpeterslakewood.org or talk with Fr. Mike. We have opportunities for lectors, acolytes, chalciers, bell ringers, and ushers.

Assisting Opportunities



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WORSHIP

Fr. Mike will be offering trainings for all positions on Sunday August 20, 27, and September 3, so we will be ready to start our program year.

If you are already on the Worship Rota, you do NOT need to contact the office unless you do not wish to continue to serve or if you would like to serve in another or different capacity. Please plan to attend the training sessions. Thank you very much for your service and willingness to assist.

Summer Office Hours



The office will generally be open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. through noon. Visitors are always welcome. Feel free to contact the office for any needs or concerns. Have a great summer!



For pastoral emergencies, please contact The Rev. Mike Lager at 479-221-4030 or via email at rector@stpeterslakewood.org. Also, if you would like to put someone on the prayer list, please contact the office at office@stpeterslakewood.org.



Have a Nice Week