



The Anchor

Monthly Newsletter of St. Peter's Lutheran Church

October
2026

“Whoever is faithful in a very little, is faithful also in much”

Luke 16:10

From October 2010-Bears Repeating

The fall season has arrived, and we are very busy here at St. Peter's. God continues to bless our ministry, and it is exciting to see where God is going to lead us next.

Jesus teaches us that “whoever is faithful in a very little, is faithful also in much.” I believe this is Jesus' way of telling us that we can only kid ourselves, not those around us and certainly not God, about what's in our hearts. We have all been given blessings from God and along with those blessings comes an expectation that we are going to use them in service to God and the world. Jesus is telling us that our heart is our heart regardless of poverty or richness of blessings. As Christians our attitude or the way we think about giving from the abundance of our blessings doesn't change because we have more or less.

I mention this to you because there are so many opportunities for you here at St. Peter's to follow your heart and serve God and the world. Here at St. Peter's you can nurture your own faithfulness through worship, learning and serving. This time of year is a wonderful time to consider the programs that are just getting started or will be coming up during the year and decide that you are going to participate!

In addition to all our committees, Evangelism, Stewardship, Worship, Property and Social Ministry, there are so many other ways to get involved. There is the Congregational Care Committee, Repass, Eucharistic Ministers, Quilters, Crafters, WELCA, Choir, Bell Choir, Maureen's Haven, Sunday Family Church School, Friday Morning Prayer, Counters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Acolytes, Habitat for Humanity and the Harvest Festival just to name a few! (I know I have forgotten some!) All of these wonderful parts of our ministry reflect our faithfulness in things both “little” and “much.”

Another very important aspect of our “faithfulness” is our caring and support of the financial needs of all of these wonderful aspects of our ministry. I believe that God has been faithful to us and continues to send unexpected blessings of support for our ministry together. At the heart of God's response is our individual commitment and support. When we do what God requires of us, it has been my experience that corporately and individually the blessings just keep coming.

I know that the economic slowdown continues to impact us all! But I also know that God is good and the great abundance of God's blessings continues to be poured out on us!

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We are coming to the end of another year and we have the ability to affirm what we do in God's name by exceeding the conservative financial goals we set for ourselves, or, we can once again fall short! I'm greatly perplexed that although we take so much pride in all that we do in God's name that we can't celebrate each year with each other that we have met this challenge as well.

I'm issuing a personal challenge to all at St. Peter's. When we gather together in January as a congregation, along with celebrating all of the wonderful work we do in God's name, let us add to that celebration this year our financial faithfulness! Let us gather to talk about what else we can do for Jesus, not about what we need to eliminate so we can continue to pay the bills!

“Whoever is faithful in a very little, is faithful also in much”

Pastor Johnson



October Anniversaries

2—Andrew & Robin Huzsek celebrate 50 years
17—Craig & Patricia Rochon celebrate 33 years
17—Payge & Mark Pagano celebrate 6 years

October Birthdays

4—Blaise Linn	20—George
Dawn Rochon	Riemenschneider Sr.
5—Franklin Perrell	21—Leo Mantilla
6—Lillian Price	26—Lisa Hinsch
9—Jim Hinsch	Julia Robins
11—Don Insull	27—Jessie Wilke
13—Theresa Lappe	29—Myrna Hanff
16—Hai Yun Chen Zhu	Melanie Fiedler
Adaline Prior	Cathy Heller
18—Lois Carey	Tyler Schelin



CAST's **Annual School Supply Drive** was a wonderful success! Thanks to the generosity of our community, we distributed more than 500 brand-new backpacks filled with school supplies to local students, helping them start the school year feeling prepared and confident.

A special thank you to **Supplies for Success**, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, the Southold Town Police Department, and the 36 local businesses that hosted donation bins and helped make this drive possible. We're also grateful to Jose for generously providing haircuts and helping our students look and feel their best as they head back to school! ♥

Thank you to all of the donors and volunteers who gave their time, resources, and support to make this event so amazing. We couldn't do it without our incredible community!

CAST's **Annual Coat Drive** will take place during the month of October. They will be collecting new or gently used coats and boots of all sizes for children and adults. St. Peter's Church will be one of the drop off locations. Please donate!



The 3rd Annual **Give Life NY 5K Run/Walk** to raise awareness and money for organ donation will take place on Sunday, October 18th at Field House at Eisenhower Park- Accessible from Parking Field 2 or Parking Field 1. The Co-directors of the event, Mindy Davidson and Bob Goldfarb are runners and non-directed living donors. This year's event is in memory of Tracy Kreutzer and Blayr Corazzini.

Blayr and her older sister, Payge, served as Acolytes at St. Peter's for many years. Blayr became an organ donor when she passed in 2025. Payge is organizing a team to participate in this event. The team name is "*Blayr's Bears*". To join the team, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/RaceGroup-2058539?raceld=164063>

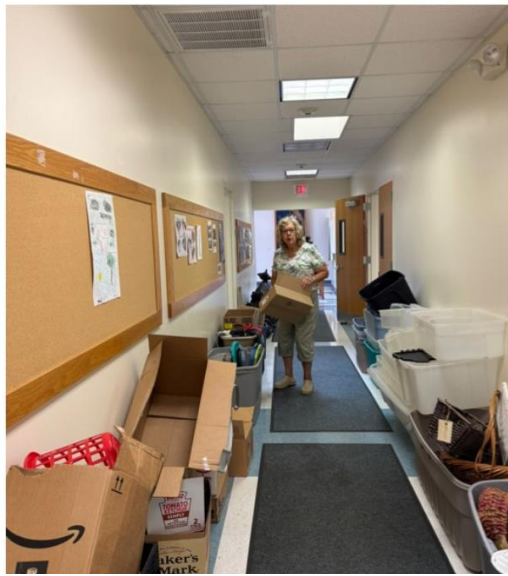
This event is open to everyone. We welcome your participation. You do not need to be a donor or a recipient to participate.



Nancy Melhado & Kristin Chute – Yard Sale Pricers



Jane Sueiro – Pricing Books



Donna St. Pierre – a Yard Sale Pricer



Dawn Johnston & Phyllis Johnson – Yard Sale Pricers



Ruth Werking, Sue Hohn & Ann Chiaffitelli - Baskets



Congratulations to St. Peter's member, Andrea Bakowski who was recently honored as one of **Schneps Media's 2026 Power Women** of the East End! Founded and led by women for over 30 years. Schneps Power Women is focused on recognizing, connecting, and supporting women leaders across our communities. Power Women of Long Island celebrates women who are making a lasting impact by advancing their fields, strengthening connections, and leading meaningful change in their communities. Through this event, Schneps Media honors more women across the New York market than any other organization, building a powerful network of women alumni.

Andrea is the owner of NoFo Wellness Center located in Cutchogue. NoFo Wellness Center provides a full-service fitness and wellness center providing onsite classes, workout facilities personal trainers and livestream virtual workouts.

If that doesn't keep Andrea busy enough, she also serves as Executive Administrator of the North Fork Chamber of Commerce where she continually supports local businesses in the community.

If you've ever interacted with Andrea, you would know she has more power than the Energizer Bunny. In addition to serving as Council Secretary on St. Peter's Church Council, Andrea also serves on the Cellphone Tower Committee and as a Worship Assistant. She volunteers each year with the Harvest Festival collecting donations from community members she knows. She also lists some Yard Sale items on Facebook Marketplace. When she gets a buyer, she arranges for pickup or delivery of the item and adds the money collected to the Harvest Festival proceeds.

Looking Ahead....

In keeping with the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Peter's will have its annual **Blessing of the Animals** on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 am. We are, once again, blessed to have Ordained Animal Chaplain, Jodie Jacobs participate in the service along with Pastor Johnson. Bring your pets for this special service and blessing. All are welcome!

The **Alpha Program** will begin on October 7, 2026. It will be held every Wednesday night at from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Alpha is a practical introduction to the tenets of the Christian Faith. All are welcome.

In remembrance of the Reformation led by Martin Luther on October 31, 1517 we will celebrate **Reformation Sunday** on October 25th. On this day it is customary to wear red. We also offer red mums for sale, which are displayed at the Altar on this day. After that they can be taken home. The book to order mums will be in the Narthex in the beginning of October.

A **Halloween Party** at San Simeon by the Sound is planned for Tuesday, October 27th at 2:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help the residents play Bingo and distribute snacks, drinks, greeting cards and prizes throughout the party. If you are able to join us for this fun-filled event, signup at the church or email diannehanff@yahoo.com.

On Friday, October 30th, **All Saints Day**, will be observed. At 7:00 pm we will have a special Remembrance Service to name and give thanks to God for those who joined the Church Triumphant during this past year and years prior. All are invited to attend. If you wish to have someone named at this service, please let us know!

Thanksgiving Outreach - In November we collect donations for the Thanksgiving boxes which help many in our community have a blessed Thanksgiving celebration. We offer the option of purchasing food items to fill the boxes or making a monetary donation. More information to follow in next month's issue. Start watching the circulars for sales!



Congratulations! – to Lorelei Gobel upon finishing her classes at Grand Canyon University, which earned her a bachelor's degree in Christian studies.

To My St. Peter's Family,

I thank you all for your love, support and prayers upon the passing of my beloved mother, Doris Lezny. So many of you have reached out to me over the last few months, and I am so grateful for that loving attention.

With lots of love from me and Franklin too!

Emily Franchina



This year's **Harvest Festival** is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2026 with a rain date of Monday October 12, 2026

Preparations have been ongoing. See page 4 of this issue for the volunteers and the work they are currently doing behind the scenes.

Yard Sale Area - The last day to donate to this area was September 17th. We thank everyone who donated. Once again, you have enabled us to make this a great sale!

Basket Auction - The last day to donate is Monday, September 28th. We are in need of donations of completed baskets or NEW items to include in a basket. A variety of items such as specialty food items (pastas, sauces for pasta, biscotti, etc) as well as theme baskets such as pet items, children's toys, ethnic specialty foods, beauty products or wine & cheeses are always popular. If you plan to donate a basket or basket items, please sign up in the rear entrance foyer of the church or contact us. If you can't supply a filled basket, you can also make a monetary contribution!

If you're at a restaurant or store that you frequent, please request a gift certificate for our Harvest Festival and we will include it in a basket. You can pick up an official St. Peter's request letter at the church. There is a list in the rear entrance foyer of all the businesses who already received a letter requesting a donation. If you are able to follow up with a visit or phone call, please sign the list. Thank you!! Your support is needed and appreciated!!

Distribute Flyers – there are flyers available at the Church. Take some and hang them around town! There is also a flyer on the Church Facebook page and website. Share it to your social media.

On Wednesday, September 30th volunteers will meet at 9:00 am to assemble the apple pies, which will be stored in the freezer until the day of the Festival.

Now is the time to bake, bake, bake! We need as many people as possible to bake items to be offered for sale along with the Apple Pies. In order to prevent crumbling of small items such as brownies and cookies, please do not put them in bags. If you need a box, you can pick some up at the church. Please write what it is on the bake sale item. Due to food allergies, please indicate if item contains any type of nuts. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY PRICES ON YOUR BAKED ITEMS.**

All those who signed up to work with the Food Preparation for the Festival will be contacted to shop and prep all food.



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