

TOGETHER NEWS Fall 2021

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St. Peter's Children & Youth PLANNING MEETING

Family Meeting *Sunday, Sept. 12 * 11 am *Luther Hall
Come join us for a short yet important conversation regarding the upcoming ministry and activities happening this fall!

- Children's church
- Children led worship October 31
- Confirmation
- St Peter Youth Group (6-12 grade)
- your hopes & dreams!

Y.O.U.T.H. (grades 6-12)

HANG OUT * Saturday Sept 18 * 6-8 pm
Join us in outside for food, fun and planning for the year ahead! Bring a friend!

HANG OUT * Saturday, Oct 16 * 6-8 pm
Luther Hall will be filled with games, music and fun! And, of course, there will be food! Bring a friend!

**RAKING FUN FOR EVERYONE
SERVICE @ the Kierch * Saturday, Nov. 13
* 9 -Noon**

Bring a rake, yard gloves (optional) and dress for a morning outside. We will be cleaning up the Kierch for the Community Tree Lighting. Families and friends welcome!



Pastor Molly Haggerty,
Coordinator of TOGETHER

Molly comes to us with 30 years experience in Children, Youth and Family ministries and programs. She is excited to learn, grow and be led by the children, youth and families of this community.

New Coordinator of TOGETHER: Connecting Community

TOGETHER is a combination of the outreach ministries and programs offered by St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The Coordinator provides guidance, leadership and opportunities for social, educational, and inter-faith growth for the congregation and local community's youth and families. It encompasses:

- Y.O.U.T.H. service program
 - o The Afterschool Program
 - o Jr. Y.O.U.T.H. service & learning
 - o Y.O.U.T.H. service & learning
 - o Leadership
- Children & Youth ministries of St. Peter's
 - o Children's ministries
 - o Youth Group
 - o Family Supports
- Community Partners
 - o WIC
 - o St. Peter's Pre-School
 - o Summer Lunch Programs
 - o Community Programs/Events

St. Peter's Youth Group

SPYG will join together with the Lutheran churches in Highspire and Steeeton. Pr. Molly, Pr. Chad and Rose will help the youth plan activities around service, faith and fellowship (just hanging out). Watch for more information on our first planning meeting & get together in October.

Tentative SPYG gathering: Sunday Oct 24th @ noon
Lunch included!

TOGETHER Sr. Y.O.U.T.H.

Ventures in Vocation:

College Visit & Art Museum in Philadelphia
Fri Nov 19 – Sat Nov 20
Leave St. Peter's Parking Lot @ 10 am
Junior and Senior High students

Ventures in Vocation is geared toward Jr and Sr high students exploring options of life after college. We will take a campus tour of Penn State Abington, gather at a game café and tour the Art museum.

RSVP to Molly at

mkhaggerty@stpetersmiddletown.org or cell (717) 321-4877.

TOGETHER: SEASON OF LIGHT CELEBRATIONS



LUNCH & CELEBRATIONS * Diwali

Sunday, Nov 7 * Noon * Luther Hall

Celebrate the holiday of Diwali.
for the entire family!

A video & presentation will be created by the Y.O.U.T.H. afterschool program to teach us about this tradition. Diwali is the **five-day Festival of Lights**, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Diwali, which for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness.



LUNCH & CELEBRATIONS * Chanukkah

Sunday, Dec. 5 * Noon lunch * Luther Hall.

Tour of Synagogue in Middletown @ 1 pm
for the entire family!

We will enjoy lunch together and then travel to the Synagogue to learn about the Jewish celebration of lights called Chanukkah. We will learn about the eight days of light, its significance and what symbols like the menorah and dreidel are practiced.



LUNCH & CELEBRATIONS * Christmon

Sunday, Dec. 12 * Noon lunch * Luther Hall.

Decorating the Christmas tree
for the entire family!

Christmons are a German traditional Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. They help Christians to remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birth. They are often used on Christmas Trees in which the lights symbolize the light of Christ in the world.

RSVP to the church office one week prior to each LUNCH & CELEBRATION event. (717) 944-4651

Community Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 27 *5 pm Activities

The Kierch at the corner of High and Union Streets

The borough of Middletown celebrated the season of light with activities beginning at 5pm with the tree lighting ceremony to follow. Festivities are outside so dress warm.