

ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026

Welcome to St. Petri!

Worship is both in person and online today.

If joining us in person, please observe all health and distancing policies!

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

FOR THOSE IN THE CONGREGATION: IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS STANDING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REMAIN SEATED THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation, healing, and hope, and waits...

C: So often our hearts are like the hard path, where the worries of the world snatch the word away.

P: Yet God continues to sow, offering us a new beginning each day...

C: Create in us deep, rich soil that our spirits may blossom and bear fruit.

Leader: Welcome this day to God's seed-scattering station!

**C: May our hearts be receptive, our minds open, and our lives ready to grow in God's love.
Amen**

¶ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

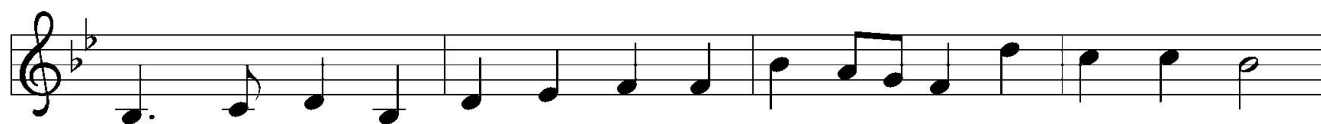
Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

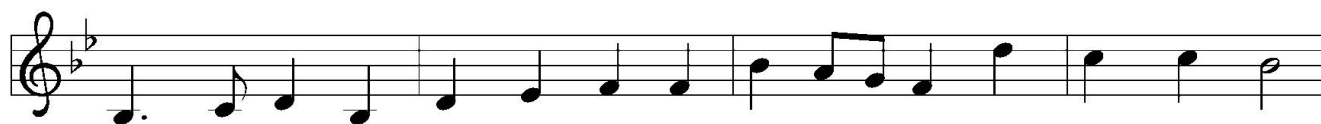
Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in-crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so-e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

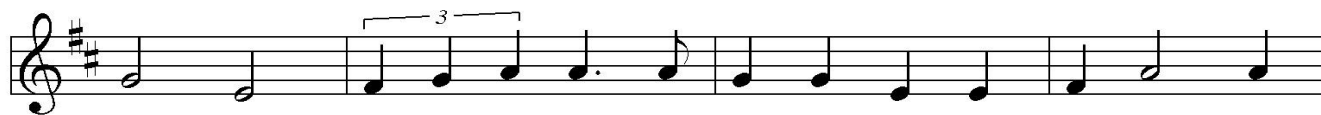
Glory to God in the highest heaven!" (Luke 2:14). "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:12-13)



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



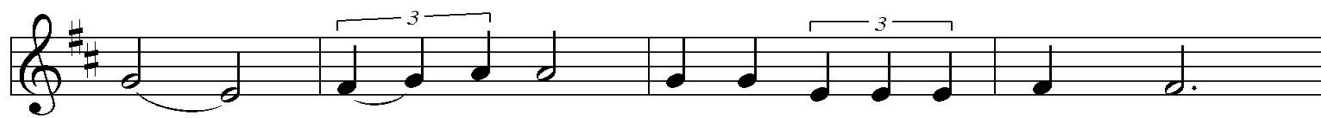
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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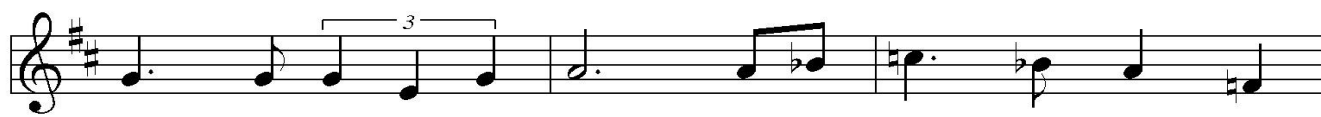
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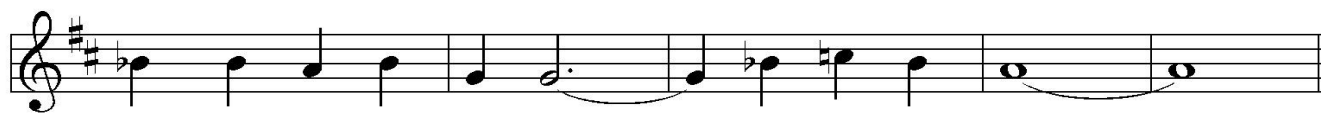
☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

¶ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, prayer and song.

READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

L: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

READING: Psalm 65 [1-8] 9-13 (Read the Psalm responsively)

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

READING: Romans 8:1-11

L: A reading from the Letter to the Romans:

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¶ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

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¶ GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Dennis King



Rose



Apple



Broken Watch



Vine



Rainbow



Tire



Noisemaker

¶ HYMN OF THE DAY

“For the Fruit of All Creation” Congregation sings verses 1, 2 and 3

For the Fruit of All Creation



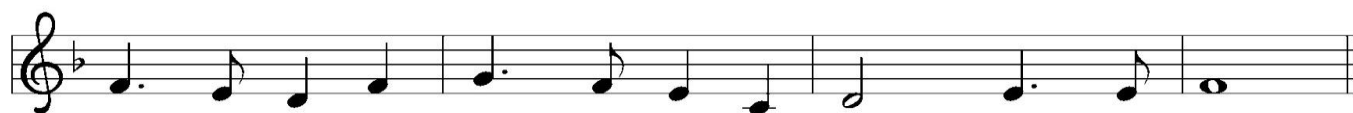
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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¶ APOSTLES' CREED

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us proclaim our faith:

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again, He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Let us now collect our offering.)

¶ OFFERTORY

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

Haugen

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may
rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Congregation to remain seated.)

“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.” (1 Tim. 2:1)

L: Trusting in God’s steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all
of creation...*A brief silence.*

L: God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of
your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

- L: God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.
- L: God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.
- L: God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for all in need of healing (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.
- L: God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.
- L: We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith, including Ruth Beach (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.
- L: Bless Faith Lutheran with an abundance of your Holy Spirit, guiding them into deeper communion and togetherness so that they may bear one another's burdens and rejoice together. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.
- L: Bless our nation and those who guide it: our President, Congress and Courts; our state and local leaders; and for those who serve as police, first responders, and for all who serve in the military, especially those known to St Petri: Kurtis, Matthew and Pastor Adam. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.
- L: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
C: Amen.

PLEASE STAND

† LORD'S PRAYER

- P: According to your steadfast love, O Lord, hear these and all our prayers as we lift them up to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

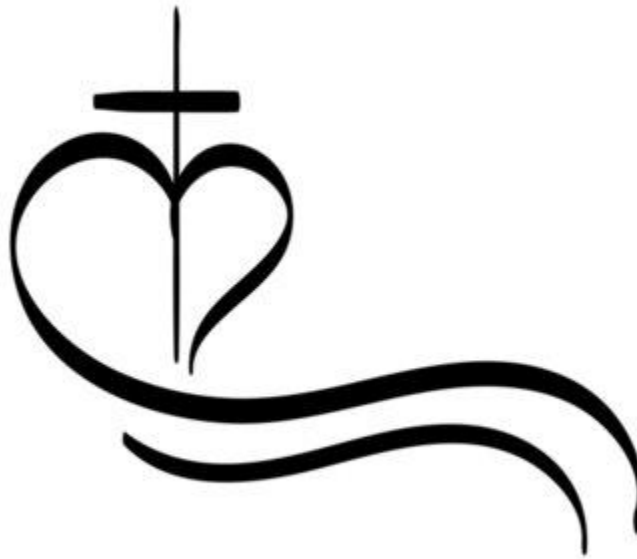
The Holy Spirit sends us to share the Good News in our community this week.

BENEDICTION

"You shall say to them, the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." (Numbers 6:23-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, the +Son
and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Congregation sings verses 1 and 2

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your to king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Leading Worship Today

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dennis King
Organist	Martha Amstutz
Lector	Cindy Kuhman
Cantor	Mike Matuszak
Lead Usher	Ryan Griggs
Altar Care	Sue Mead
Camera Operator	Carrie George
Greeter	Marianne Melton

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Altar Guild	Sandy Seelman
Head Elder	Terry Francis
Worship Cmte.	Cindy Kuhman
Custodian	Tonya Roberts

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY! If you do not know a hymn or song, feel free to speak the words rather than sing. Please notice that congregational responses are in bold. The congregation may stand as they are able for the parts of the Service marked ¶.

RESTROOMS are located on each side of the outside entrance to the worship space.

FREE WiFi: Anyone may access "SPLC-Guest". The password is: Troop200



SPECIAL WELCOME VISITORS: A special welcome to all visitors with us today. Please take a moment to sign the red guest book located in the Narthex. If you have any further questions we are happy to try and assist you.



THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration from the funeral of Ruth Beach.



FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT – THIS FRIDAY: Join us for an outdoor movie featuring ***Despicable Me 4***! Enjoy popcorn and a beverage included with admission. Cost: \$5.00 per person, Time: 9:00 pm. Location: Back parking lot. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Fellowship Hall.

ADULT NIGHT OUT: Join us on Saturday, July 25th at 6:30pm at Angelo's Northwood Villa, 6630 S. Dixie Hwy., Erie, MI. Sign up on bulletin board in Narthex or Hallway.

Dinner



CHICKEN DINNER – SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH, \$15: ½ Chicken, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob & Roll. Proceeds benefit Project Fix Up and Dartball League. Get your tickets from Micki, office or lead usher on Sunday's. All of South Toledo Lutheran Parish are invited to participate.

We Offer with Joy and Thanksgiving

~ ourselves, our time, our possessions ~

Attendance last Sunday: 34 in person 18 online

iving last Sunday	Current Offering Receipts:	\$2,652.00
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$2,652.00
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$12,964.00

Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	\$2,470.00
From Other Sources:	182.00
Total Received:	\$2,652.00

Offerings for Benevolence:	\$50.00
Offerings for Project Fix-Up:	\$10.00
General Memorial	\$0.00

~ signs of God's gracious love! ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN [JULY 12]

9am

Worship

SUN [JULY 19]

9am

Worship

MON [JULY 13]

5:30pm

Girl Scouts Meeting

MON [JULY 20]

5:30pm

Girl Scouts Meeting

TUES [JULY 14]

9am

Quilting

TUES [JULY 21]

9am

Quilting

WED [JULY 15]

5:30pm

Puzzle Night

WED [JULY 226630]

5:30pm

Puzzle Night

FRI [JULY 17]

9pm

Family Outdoor Movie
Night

FRU [JULY 25]

6:30pm

Adult Night Out

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Members in Nursing Homes	Military	Members	Non-Members
Terrence Henricks, <i>Ayden Healthcare</i> Dolores Jabs <i>The Gardens of St. Francis</i> Marilyn Henricks <i>Otterbein-Monclova</i> Daryl Bosh <i>Lakes of Monclova</i>	Kurtis Grohowski Matthew Cass Pastor Adam Bohland	Norma Schrickel Gene Daniels Pam Michalski David Michalski Terry Henricks Sherri Leininger Marti Huepenbecker Chuck Dolt Irene Daniels Marilyn Henricks Sydney Easton Karen Snyder Gene Campbell Pastor Denny King Don Hughes	Sam Saar Doris Muszaynski Monica Matuszak Mencia Delores Jabs Jeri Campbell Adrienne Perreault Avery Monroe Danielle Scott Vivian McCarthy Pastor Tim Rothfuss Pastor Chuck Campbell Melissa Haydock Sue Brown Pat Shiple Mark Shiple Carol Dolt Jason Barnhart Martiz McRae

If you would like your name, the name of a friend or loved one added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 419.385.4639. To have your prayer added to St. Petri's Prayer Chain or to become a part of our Prayer Chain, please call Norma Schouten at 419.382.3301, or the church office.