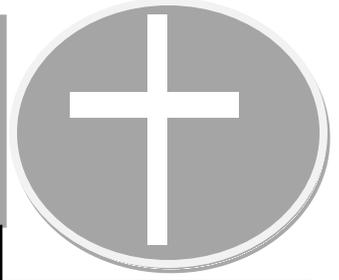




# St. Peter Lutheran Church September



**Worship Service**  
9:30am Traditional  
Worship Service-S

**Bible Study**  
Wednesday  
12:00PM  
Coming soon.  
Watch for details.

**Church Staff**

Pastor  
Andre Miller

Office Manager  
Jean Kennedy

Custodian  
Anthony Montford

Organist  
Michelle Boyken

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## THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

### Congregational Leadership

#### Council President

Ray Housh

#### Council Vice President

Marcy Perry

#### Council Secretary

#### Council Treasurer

Debbie Lawrence

#### Education/Youth &

#### Family Ministries

Christina Lobosco

#### Finance & Stewardship

Jackie Miller

#### Outreach, Fellowship, & Christian Service

Karen Goss

#### Property Chair

Rodrick Mitchell

#### Worship

Jim and Jan  
McDaniel

The Bible tells us we NEED to attend church so we can worship God with other believers and be taught His Word for our spiritual growth. The early church “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42). We should follow that example of devotion—and to the same things. Back then, they had no designated church building, but “every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts” (Acts 2:46). Wherever the meeting takes place, believers thrive on fellowship with other believers and the teaching of God’s Word.

Church attendance is not just a “good suggestion”; it is God’s will for believers. Hebrews 10:25 says we should “not [be] giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Even in the early church, some were falling into the bad habit of not meeting with other believers. The author of Hebrews says that’s not the way to go. We need the encouragement that church attendance affords. And the approach of the end times should prompt us to be even more devoted to going to church.

Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), “spur” one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), instruct one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). For a church body to function properly, all of its “body parts” need to be present and working (1 Corinthians 12:14–20). It’s not enough to just attend a church; we should be involved in some type of ministry to others, using the spiritual gifts God has given us (Ephesians 4:11–13). A believer will never reach full spiritual maturity without having that outlet for his gifts, and we all need the assistance and encouragement of other believers (1 Corinthians 12:21–26).

For these reasons and more, church attendance, participation, and fellowship should be regular aspects of a believer’s life. Weekly church attendance is in no sense “required” for believers, but someone who belongs to Christ should have a desire to worship God, receive His Word, and fellowship with other believers.

Jesus is the Cornerstone of the Church (1 Peter 2:6), and we are “like living stones . . . being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5). As the building materials of God’s “spiritual house,” we naturally have a connection with one another, and that connection is evident every time the Church “goes to church.”

In Your Service,  
Pastor Andre Miller, Sr.

Church Council  
Meeting  
9/10/19

Committee  
Meetings

**Outreach and  
Christian Ed  
Board Meeting**  
9/8/19

**Worship  
Committee  
Meeting**  
9/9/19

**Finance  
Committee &  
Property  
Committee  
Meeting**  
9/9/19

Partners in  
Ministries

Prayer Chain Chair  
Office

St. Peter Women  
President  
Waneta Housh

Altar Guild Chair

## *Word from our Pres*

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, the word **CHANGE** has a multitude of different meanings, depending on what subject you apply the word to. It can mean, in the case of a new baby, getting up many times during the night to "change" a soiled diaper. In the case of a disagreement with your significant other, "change" can mean caving in and changing your position. Your wardrobe can be "changed" to reflect a different style, depending on the occasion that you are about to attend. "Change" is also a term that is used when you don't have the exact amount when buying something. You give the shop owner more than what the cost is, and they will in turn give you "change".

In the case of St. Peter Lutheran Church, "change" means to give a different course or direction to our function as a church body. "Change" also means to replace one with another.

While this "change" will, no doubt, cause a few temporary setbacks, it is our trust in God that leads us to believe that this move was a necessary undertaking and will pay many rewards in the future. We hope that everyone understands that sometimes "change" is required just for the sake of making changes.

Your prayers and continued financial support, along with your trust in moving St. Peter Lutheran Church forward, is so important to us, the church council, and we want everyone to know how much that means to us.

In service to Christ  
Ray Hous

**Communion**

**Assistant**

**September**

Marcy Perry

**Lectors**

9/1

Christina

Lobosco

9/8

Jim Fiedler

9/15

Alice Podzorski

9/22

Andrew Lobosco

9/29

Judy Stout

**Acolyte**

9/1

9/8

Emil Lobosco

9/15

9/22

Emil Lobosco

9/29

**Page left blank for September's Council Minutes to be published in the October Pilot.**

**The position of Council Recording Secretary is open.**

**There is also a need for Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, Altar Guild members and Sunday School teachers. If you have an interest in serving in any of these areas, please see someone on the Church Council to sign up or call the church office.**

**Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me**

Hymn written by John E. Gould, Gloria Ballou's grandfather

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea; unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal; chart and compass come from thee, Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild; boisterous waves obey thy will when thou sayest to them, 'Be still.' Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar 'twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while learning on they breast, may I hear thee say to me, 'Fear not, I will pilot thee.'

Amen.

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.*  
**Colossians 4:2-4**

The following church members have requested your prayers:

Betty Amick, Ella Gray, Debbie Lawrence, Camille Meyer,  
Glenda Miller, Helen House, Mary Green, Dee Stoner

We are to always pray for our pastors and leaders:

Pastor Andre, Ray, Marcy, Debbie, Jackie, Christina,  
Jim & Jan, Karen, Roderick

Prayers have been requested for folks that are not members of  
our church:

Ken Blackson, Cayden Arndt, family of Michelle Harris-Nohre  
(Judy's daughter-in-law), family of Barbara Anderson, Sarah  
Westrum, Jerry Bunch, family of Myra Green, Kathleen  
Cornwall, Claudia Denslow, Carol Behrend, Dwight & Kathy  
Overturf, Anita Dahlman-Himrich

As always, remember our military personnel, firemen, policemen  
and EMTS in your prayers. They face difficult situations every  
day.

**Worship  
Assistants**

**Ushers**

9/1

TBD

9/8

TBD

9/15

TBD

9/22

TBD

9/29

**Greeters**

9/1

TBD

9/8

TBD

9/15

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9/22

TBD

9/29

TBD

## **Bible Studies Available**

The Martha Circle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in the Great Hall. Bring a snack to share.



**Romans 12:3-8:** For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

## Food Boxes:

Please consider purchasing some of the items below so that we can meet the needs of our community.

Beans

Pasta or Pasta Sauce

Cereal

Mac & Cheese

Soup

Animal crackers

Any non-perishable items

Individual bags of chips

Individual packages of peanut butter crackers or cheese crackers

Individual (**sample**) sizes of personal care items

**NO medications, please.** We cannot hand those out.

Rice

Peanut butter

Canned fruits or vegetables

Crackers

Tuna or Canned meats

Bottled water

Any toiletries or paper products

Small cans of tuna or chicken



*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:8-9*

# Come Help Celebrate the September Birthdays!

Sunday, September 29th after the service we will get together in the Great Hall as we once again celebrate the birthdays of everyone in our church family who were born in September. We'll provide the cake. Bring a dish to share for a **lunch Potluck**.

Don't forget to bring a birthday card for each of the folks who are celebrating their special day in September. See the list below. We will have a gift bag with their name on it to drop the card into.

This celebration gives us an opportunity to celebrate with them and gather together as a family of God.

Emil Lobosco 9/19 (9 years old)

Gloria Ballou 9/27

## Pea Salad

1/3 cup sour cream  
1 Tablespoon mayo  
Salt & Pepper to taste  
1 Tablespoon white vinegar  
4 cups frozen peas, thawed  
8 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled  
½ small red onion, chopped  
6 ounces Cheese, cut in bite size pieces  
3 Tablespoons minced parsley

Mix sour cream, mayo, salt, pepper and vinegar. Set aside. Mix the rest of the ingredients together and toss with the dressing mix. Serve. Refrigerate leftovers.

DINING OUT  
SATURDAY, September 21st 6:00 PM  
Bobby-Q  
1610 S. Stapley Drive  
Mesa  
480-361-7470  
US60 & Stapley, westside



(Coming from the south, turn left on Inverness and work your way north  
thru the parking lots to the restaurant.)  
American and Barbeque foods

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***Upcoming Performances***

***September 13 Diamondbacks game – For King & Country***

***September 20 Grand Canyon University – Castin Crowns & Kari Jobe***

***September 22 Phoenix – Josh Wilson***

***October 6 Grand Canyon University – Newsboys***

***November 1 North Phoenix – Tauren Wells***

***November 1 Chandler Disciple – Disciple***

**ASPIRE is coming!**

Friday, November 8, 2019  
The Grove  
2777 S. Gilbert Rd.  
Chandler, AZ 85286  
Doors open at 6:30PM

Purchase tickets at 480-812-1100 or online at:  
Aspirewomenevents.com  
General Admission \$25  
VIP Admission \$35  
Groups of 10 or more \$20

Worship with Kendall Payne  
Comedy by Sally Baucke  
Author & Speaker Allison Allen  
Speaker & Bible Teach Shannon Hoffpauir

This is an event just for women. An evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music.

Brought to you by Abingdon Women Your Life Your Faith; Compassion in Jesus Name; Extreme Faith Productions

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**BBVA For Your Cause**

Did you know that the church can earn funds when you have an account with BBVA?

When you open a new account with BBVA, the church will receive a \$50 fee. And every time you use your debit card, we will get a 0.25% fee of qualifying transactions. This is extra income to the church. And, is a fund-raising project thru BBVA. We are paid from funds that BBVA has set aside for this program. The funds do not come from your account. If you already have an account with BBVA, just let them know you want to sign up for the program.



# St. Peter Lutheran Church Announcements

## September Events

**September 10th:**  
Martha Circle-GH

**September 21st:**  
Dining Out

**September 25th:**  
Newsletter Deadline

**September 29th:**  
Birthday Potluck

**October 27th:**  
Reformation Sunday

**October 27th:**  
Birthday Potluck

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>:**  
All Saints Day

**November 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
Christ the King

**November 28<sup>th</sup>:**  
Thanksgiving

**December 1, 8, 15  
and 22<sup>nd</sup>:**  
Advent

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
Christmas Eve

**December 25<sup>th</sup>:**  
Christmas

**January 6<sup>th</sup>:**  
Epiphany

## **The Church's Mission Statement**

Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey all I  
have commanded.            Matthew 28:19-20

## **St. Peter's Vision Statement**

The love of Christ has saved us. Therefore, we  
rejoice and invite our neighbors to grow with us in  
faith and to serve God.

Proverbs 27:9

Perfume and incense bring **joy** to the heart, and the  
pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest  
counsel.

**Thank you for all the gift bags that were donated.**

Lifeline Screening will be here Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Register now  
for your screenings.

Call toll-free: 1-866-229-0469

Online: [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)

Text: the word circle to 797979

Getting screened is simple painless and non-invasive.

Did you know that you can pay your tithes and offerings on-line?  
Download the Givelify app and search for St. Peter Lutheran  
Church. Giving simplified.