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The Mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church is to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others.

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The Messenger



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St. Peter Lutheran Church – June & July 2026

A Little Bit of This and That for June and July ...

One of the great joys of living in Ohio is experiencing the changing of the seasons. I love the Fall when the air becomes crisp and the earth is awash in the beautiful colors of the fall leaves. I especially love Spring when the earth comes back to life. Have you ever noticed all the shades of green as the trees and bushes leaf out? It is magnificent. Then in winter, there is nothing better than to be nestled inside with a good book and a cup of hot chocolate when the earth is blanketed in white. Then there is Summer. School is out and there is so much to do and explore in the beautiful landscape that God has provided for us.

I am thankful to God to be able to live in Ohio among amazing people who have a heart for God and for loving others. This gift of faith and the ability to love others is truly a gift and I am grateful.

Over the last three weeks I have read three books; One is Everybody Always by Bob Goff which is a sequel to his bestseller book called Love Does. In both books Bob tells amazing stories of love in action. He takes risks to love others and sees this as God's call to all of us. The second book I read was to help me focus deeper on the Biblical story of Ruth as I will be preaching on this book during the month of June. Then two days ago, I finished reading a book on Esther who was an Israelite who had to risk her life to save her Jewish people from a king's decree to attack and annihilate her people across the expanse of the Persian empire.

All three books have things in common. One is that faith often calls for us to act when we might not be sure of the outcome. Sometimes the odds are incredible, and we are asked to place our trust in faith in God's ability to go before us to make a way. In each instance in the stories shared, the power of God was at work in common everyday people. This is the story of faith. We place our trust in God and answer the call of the Holy Spirit's nudges to each of us.

As we move into Summer and have opportunities to encounter new situations and people, may we be attentive to God at work in our midst. May we each answer the call of faith to choose love and may the power of God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit go before us to help us each be a light in the places where God has planted us.

Happy Summer,

Pastor Carol

Monthly Finances:

Month: April 2026	Month	Month	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
	2026	2025	2026	2025
Total Pastor	\$ 6,694.74	\$ 6,548.66	\$ 29,545.63	\$ 28,761.23
Total Worship	\$ 983.73	\$ 1,237.78	\$ 4,094.99	\$ 4,097.02
Total Teaching	\$ 425.00		\$ 425.00	
Total Office	\$ 1,373.40	\$ 1,119.33	\$ 5,581.89	\$ 5,321.52
Total Maintenance	\$ 773.55	\$ 846.33	\$ 2,466.14	\$ 4,263.39
Total Utilities	\$ 1,144.63	\$ 1,216.20	\$ 5,408.73	\$ 5,329.73
Total Insurance & Taxes	\$ 358.95	\$ 388.28	\$ 2,723.40	\$ 2,503.90
Total Other				
Subtotal Expenditures	\$ 11,754.00	\$ 11,356.58	\$ 50,245.78	\$ 50,276.79
Total Benevolence	\$ 322.67	\$ 349.20	\$ 1,212.68	\$ 1,446.07
Total Secondary Acct	\$ 1,689.59	\$ 11,601.00	\$ 2,502.22	\$ 15,283.51
Total Payments	\$ 13,766.26	\$ 23,306.78	\$ 53,960.68	\$ 67,006.37
Total Receipts	\$ 13,250.48	\$ 12,782.96	\$ 44,410.31	\$ 64,763.39
Total Payments	\$ 13,766.26	\$ 23,306.78	\$ 53,960.68	\$ 67,006.37
Excess or Deficit	\$ (515.78)	\$ (10,523.82)	\$ (9,550.37)	\$ (2,242.98)
Beginning Cash	\$ (9,017.57)	\$ 8,280.84		
Add Receipts	\$ 13,250.48	\$ 12,782.96		
Less Payments	\$ 13,766.26	\$ 23,306.78		
Ending Cash	\$ (9,550.37)	\$ (2,242.98)		

Vanco is a resource we have for giving electronically to the mission and operation of St. Peter. There is a link on our website and on our Facebook page: It is a great way to set up your giving when you will be away or just wanting to give electronically. We are all called to live into generosity in our giving and if this link would be helpful to you, please try it out. <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8NS/home>

The 2026 flower chart is posted in the hallway for anyone wanting to sign up for flowers on the altar for a specific Sunday.

The 2026 Radio Ministry sign up sheet is posted at the back of church in the red binder. A Sunday service is \$60. If you sign up, please let Lauren know who you would like the radio ministry to be given in honor, celebration, or memory of. *Thank you for helping to be an important part of our church's ministry!*

Upcoming events at St. Peter Lutheran Church!

Wednesday Night Lawn Chair Services have started back up at 7:00 PM behind church in the courtyard, bring a lawn chair. *This is a great time to invite a friend to journey and fellowship with us here at St. Peter!*

Sunday, May 10th was Confirmation for Charlotte Koebel

Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10th after church.

WELCA School Kits

This year, all they are in need of are **scissors and crayons** – Thank you for all your generous donations to this program!

THANK YOU to everyone who came and helped with the quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Journeying in Faith Group

During this last year, I have had groups of people asking to continue to have a more informal study of scriptures and Christian themes in a similar format to what we do for the Lenten Soup Suppers. The discussions at the soup supper and at our workshop on Overcoming Depression and Anxiety were rich and rewarding for those involved. I have listened to your desire for a new group to meet to allow us to talk and share our faith more informally. I have been praying about this and feel that offering time to gather in the parish hall several times a month may just be a great way to do this.

We are calling this group, **Journeying in Faith**. After all, that is what we are called to do as a body of Christ. Our mission statement of St. Peter is to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others. This group will give us another opportunity to do this.

We will try to meet on the second and fourth Monday evening from 6:30-8:00. You are invited to come as you are able. **Meeting dates for the summer: May 11, June 1 and 22, July 13, and August 10 and 24.**

I am excited about this opportunity to grow our faith together!

General Announcements

Radio Ministry was given to the glory of God in May by:

- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Himmeger family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Dave Mayer in honor of Charlotte Koebel's Confirmation and in celebration of Matt Mayer's birthday

Flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in May by:

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InReach/OutReach

Prayer Chain – If you would like your name added to the prayer chain, please contact Susan McGue at 419-234-6448. If you ever need a prayer chain started, please contact Susan on the cell phone number listed above. *Do NOT send her computer an email.* You may call or send her cell phone a text message. Susan is the primary start person and if she can't be reached by phone, then call the church office. Please have permission from the person or family before we publish any names.

Keep our shut-ins and military friends and families in your prayers.

Shut-ins

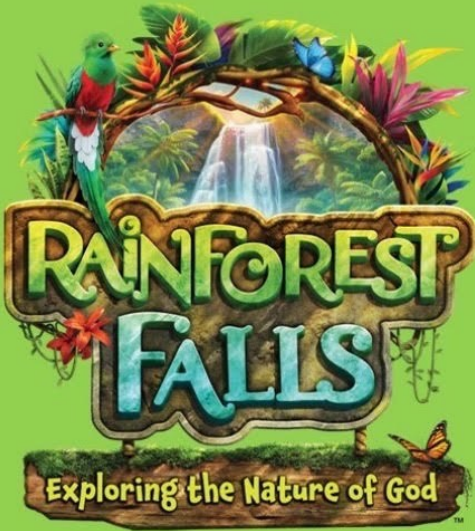
Sharon Reel - Vancrest of Van Wert
Norma Koenig - Vancrest of Delphos
Rose Hager- Vancrest of Delphos

Military:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

Delphos Community VBS 2026

Delphos Trinity Methodist Church &
St. Peter Lutheran Church



"Into the rainforest we go!"

July 5 — July 9*

7/5 — 7/8
6:00 pm — 8:30 pm at
DTMC Family Life Center
702 Ambrose Dr.
Delphos, OH 45833

***7/9 Family Night & Pool Party
7:00—9 pm at the Stadium Park**

All kids **Pre-K through 5th Grade*** invited!

*Must be potty trained



- Bible Skits
- Arts & Crafts
- Science Experiments
- Fun Games
- Music & Singing
- Snacks & Refreshments



Boy vs Girl Money Fundraiser to Benefit LifeWise Delphos



VBS T-SHIRTS PRE-SALE ONLY!

Order Deadline June 21th



VBS Registration Online ONLY!

- Student & Volunteer Registration
(Open and scroll down to register)
- All Forms & Videos

<https://vbspro.events/p/delphos>

If we don't not have your birthday listed, please contact Lauren to get your name on the list to recognize your special day.

June

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| 2) Lauren French | 16) Aaron Kloeppel |
| 2) Heather Radebaugh | 24) Stephanie Harman |
| 5) Larry Miller | 24) Shelby Buchholz |
| 6) Lynn Miller | 26) Jordan Vorst |
| 7) Rick Miller | 25) Judy Staples |
| 8) Jennifer Trentman | 27) Lauren Trentman |
| 9) Dan Kramer | 29) James Hasting |
| 14) Anna Fitch | 30) Tyler Miller |
| | 30) Matt Weitzel |

July

- 2) Melissa Trentman
- 4) Madeline Weitzel
- 5) Jon Staples
- 8) Josh Miller
- 11) Landon Munshower
- 13) Pete Trentman
- 17) Dave Stemen
- 18) Bruce Perrin
- 19) Amy Miller
- 22) Sue Kloeppel
- 24) Tina Himmeger
- 28) Kylee Dienstberger



SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER
Sunday, June 7	9:00 AM	Sue Kloeppe Lois Ewing	Sue Rode Karen Hartman	Olivia Rode	Dave Stemen	Dan Kramer
Sunday, June 14	9:00 AM	Deb Trentman Dan Marlow	Sue Rode Karen Hartman	Austin Munshower	Matt Weitzel	Dave Mayer
Sunday, June 21	9:00 AM	Ryan Trentman Sue Kloeppe	Sue Rode Karen Hartman	Gavin Kimmet	Dave Stemen	Sam Hasting
Sunday, June 28	9:00 AM	Lois Ewing Alan Trentman	Sue Rode Karen Hartman	Roy Trentman	Alan Trentman	Jim Hasting
Sunday, July 5	9:00 AM	Dan Marlow Deb Trentman	Jenny Snipes Kathy Radebaugh	Alayna Beverly	Jenny Snipes	Dan Kramer
Sunday, July 12	9:00 AM	Ryan Trentman Dan Marlow	Jenny Snipes Kathy Radebaugh	Wyatt Kimmet	Kathy Stemen	Larry Miller
Sunday, July 19	9:00 AM	Sue Kloeppe Lois Ewing	Jenny Snipes Kathy Radebaugh	Olivia Rode	Jenny Snipes	Dan Kramer
Sunday, July 26	9:00 AM	Deb Trentman Dan Marlow	Jenny Snipes Kathy Radebaugh	Alayna Beverly	Dave Stemen	Dan Kramer
Sunday, August 2	9:00 AM	Lynn Miller Rick Dienstberger	Jenny Snipes Kathy Radebaugh	Alayna Beverly		Dan Kramer

Volunteers are needed to be ushers, greeters and communion assistants.

We need some greeters to welcome people to church. Sometimes the hardest thing someone does is walk through the doors of a new church. Having a greeter is so helpful to let them know where things are and to make them feel welcome.

Also, it is important for our members to be welcomed. Would you consider being a greeter?

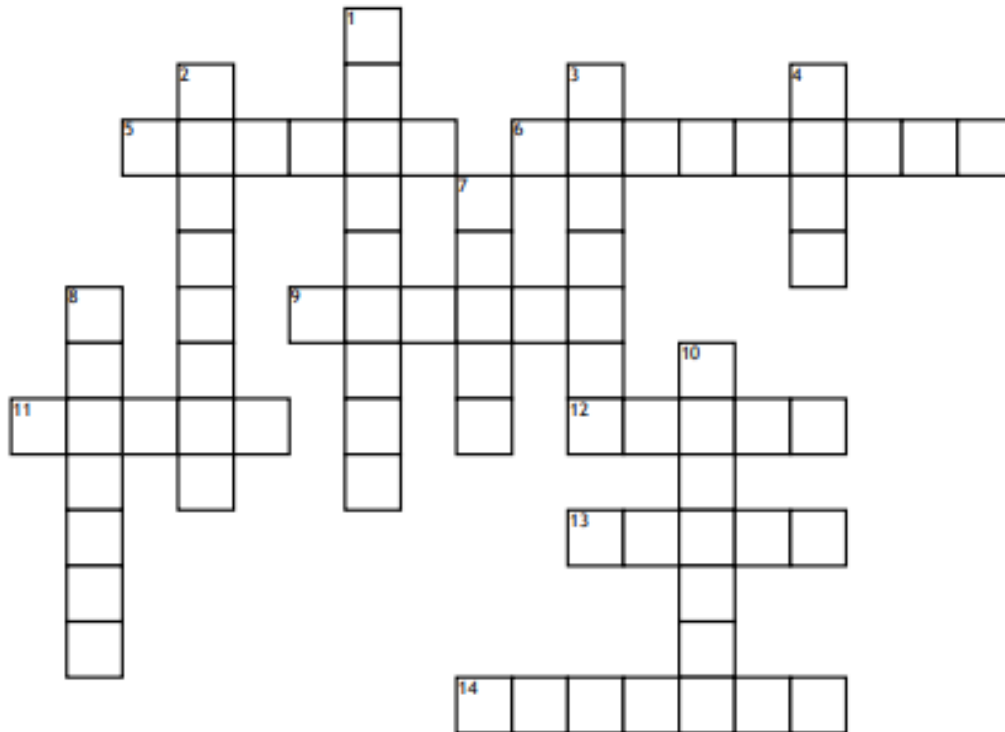
Ushers help pass out bulletins and help with the offering. They also have an important role in welcoming others to worship. Would you consider being an usher?

Being a communion assistant is a special job to bless people with the blood of Christ during communion. It is humbling and yet very rewarding. Would you consider being a communion assistant?

If you are willing to volunteer your gift of love and care to do any of these roles on Sunday morning, please let Lauren or me know so we can get you on the schedule. If a date you are unavailable, please let Lauren know and she will help find a replacement for you. Thank you all for your help!



From the Books of Ruth and Esther



Across

5. King Ahasuerus, at a feast called for his Queen _____ to come and she refused.
6. Ruth bore Obed who was the great-grandfather of _____.
9. Ruth asked Boaz to cover her and _____ the land belonging to Elimelech.
11. _____ called for the death of the Jewish people in the Persian empire.

12. I was the mother-in-law of Ruth
13. Ruth _____ed from the field of Boaz.
14. I was Ruth's first husband who died.

Down

1. There was a famine in this Judean town.
2. Esther's Jewish name was _____.

3. Boaz was one of Naomi's _____ on her husband's side.
4. Ruth in her grief said people should call her this.
7. Esther pleased the king and became his new _____.
8. Ruth was from the land of these people.
10. Hadassah was raised by her cousin _____.

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Journey in Faith 6:30-8:00	2	3 Prayer Group Worship 7 PM	4	5	6
7 Worship 9 AM	8	9	10 Worship 7 PM Council Mtg after church	11	12	13 Bible Study 9 AM Jim's Breakfast?
14 Worship 9 AM	15	16	17 Prayer Group Worship 7 PM	18	19	20
21 Worship 9 AM	22 Journey in Faith 6:30 – 8:00	23	24 Worship 7 PM	25	26	27
28 Worship 9 AM	29	30				

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Prayer Group Worship 7 PM	2	3	4
5 Worship 9 AM VBS 6 -8:30	6 VBS 6-8:30	7 VBS 6-8:30	8 Worship 7 PM VBS 6-8:30	9 VBS 6-8:30	10	11 Jim's Breakfast?
12 Worship 9 AM	13 Journey in Faith 6:30 – 8:00	14	15 Prayer Group Worship 7 PM	16	17	18
19 Worship 9 AM	20	21	22 Prayer Group Worship 7 PM	23	24	25
26 Worship 9 AM	27	28	29 Worship 7 PM	30	31	