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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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Mother's Day – Sunday, May 10th

Memorial Day - Monday, May 25th

The Messenger



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St. Peter Lutheran Church – May 2026

A Little Bit of This and That for May ...

Back in the 1990's I became immersed in the book by Steven Covey titled The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. In the book he wrote about having a vision for your future and spending time creating a list of values to guide your life. He talked about praying about what it is that you would want people to say and remember about you at your funeral. He talked about leading in a way that created win/win outcomes, and he discussed the need to "sharpen the saw" (meaning to find times of rest and creativity that bring energy and life to you). This book was especially important to me as I entered leadership positions as a principal in the Clear Fork Valley School District. The concepts still provide a compass as I work to be faithful to God as I pastor and lead at St. Peter.

May is often looked at as being a time to celebrate graduation and new beginnings. Students begin to prepare for the next phase of their lives whether that is a form of higher education or entering the work force. Covey's habits for life are important to help guide us into the various phases we are entering in our lives. We are called to live out of our values and to create healthy, life-giving habits. This is my prayer not only for our graduates, but for all of us.

Most importantly, we need to recognize our need for Jesus in a deep and powerful relationship as we journey forward. A few years ago, it was popular to wear a wristband that had WWJD (What would Jesus do?) written on it. It was a reminder to allow Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us to be our guide as we made decisions for our lives. You see, this has been one of the most important values in my life. I cannot imagine my life without the relationship I have in Jesus. This has been purely a gift and comfort in my life's journey.

Second, there have been times when I have gotten so caught up in the activities of work, the church, and other activities, that I have forgotten to take time to rest and regenerate. As a result, I experienced burnout, especially in the principalship.

God created the world and then took the seventh day to rest. We are no different. We need rest and time to regenerate. We need a sabbath to worship God and to rest.

I think that one of the greatest attacks on the church has been the activities that have pulled families away from attending church on Sundays. Taking a sabbath to worship is no longer a central focus in our society and as a result, we have lost whole generations of youth and adults who only attend church once or twice a year or not at all. Our country is struggling to cope with people are filled with anxiety and depression. Violence is common in the news as people do not have the grounding in faith to allow God to work in their circumstances to bring hope and faith to overcome the sometimes hardships we all face in life. Jesus gave us two commandments, and they are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This is our call in life.

My plea to us as a church is to take time to assess what we value in our lives. If nurturing and growing our faith in Jesus is truly important, I ask you to create the time and space to worship and gather to support each other on the journey. I pray that each of us would find joy in fellowship and in deepening our relationship with our living Lord, Jesus Christ.

Blessings to all of you. Love, Pastor Carol

Thank you for the vacation time to rest:

Doug and I enjoyed a five-night cruise to the Bahamas the 13-18th of April. We went with the goal to find rest. I took time to read, and we played over 125 hands of gin rummy. I hate to admit that Doug came out as the ultimate winner. Sitting on the balcony and looking out over the water was restorative. We went to several shows but mainly rested. We are thankful to both St. Peter and St. Mark's for the opportunity to take a vacation and rest. Also, a special thank you to Dave Stemen who did a great job leading worship and preaching while I was away.



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.

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 will start back up on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 PM.

On May 20th, IROR will be providing a picnic style supper to kick off the summer!

This meal will be served from 6:15 – 6:45. Bring your lawn chair; but no need to bring a side dish as this will be fully provided by the IROR group of St. Peter

This is a great time to invite a friend to journey and fellowship with us here at St. Peter!

Please note that Church Worship times for the summer are changed back to **9:00 AM starting Sunday, May 24th and will run through Labor Day weekend.**

Catechism: Catechism Retreat at **Montezuma Retreat Center** on May 1st -3rd

Sunday, May 10th will be a worship service honoring all mothers and Confirmation.

Council Meeting will be on Sunday, May 17th after church.

Sunday, May 17th, we will honor the Class of 2026. If you could, please send Carol or Lauren information on any graduate you have for the 2026 school year. This can include any High School or College Graduate. Please pray for all of our graduates as they finish up and prepare to move on to the next phase of their journey in life. May God bless each of them.

Young Adults Breakfast at Jim's on May 16th at 9:00 AM

This group is open to anyone 17 up through their 20's. The time to eat and just check in with each other is wonderful.

Youth Sunday School ended on April 19th

THANK YOU to all of the teachers: Patti Calvert, Ron Kloeppe, Corey Kloeppe, Jenny Snipes, Carrie Calvelage, and Dave Stemen. We look forward to regrouping in the fall.

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!

QUILTS for Lutheran World Relief

Since 1945, Lutheran Churches have gathered making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Our church has a tradition of women gathering and spending the day making these quilts. St Peter has continued sending quilts each year but with only a few participants carrying the load.

Let's gather on **Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 am to 2:00 PM** for a day of fellowship as young and old join together to assist in making these quilts.

A carry in lunch will be provided.

Let older parishioners be our guide so we can carry on for generations to come. We need sewers, cutters, pinner, and anyone else would like to come and see what this is all about. Gather any cotton goods, batting, or blankets you would like to donate to add to our supply.

Let's continue this tradition in a bigger way this year!



Journeying in Faith Group – Monday, May 11th at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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 8 and 22, July 13 and 27, 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 April by:

- Ron and Sue Kloepfel and family on Easter Sunday, for our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Dan Marlow in memory of his mother, Joan Marlow
- Deb Trentman and family in memory of Bob Trentman

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

- The flowers and palms on the altar were given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild in celebration of our Risen Lord
- Dan Marlow in memory of his mother, Joan Marlow

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

SPRING PAINT & PRAISE

The Paint & Praise classes are always a hit by all!

This Spring, there was 18 people who joined in fellowship for an evening full of fun & painting.

If you missed this one, be sure to be on the look out for the next Paint & Praise class!



Save the date!



Exploring the Nature of God

Delphos Trinity Methodist
& St. Peter Lutheran Church

VBS 2026 July 5th — July 9th

Pre-K* thru 5th Grade

*Must be potty trained

SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER	GREETERS
Sunday, May 3	10:00 AM	Lynn Miller Dan Marlow	Angie Miller Sarah Miller	Will	Aaron Trentman	Alan Trentman	Let Lauren know if you would like to be a greeter
Sunday, May 10	10:00 AM	Deb Trentman Sue Kloeppe	Angie Miller Sarah Miller	Gavin Kimmet	Dave Stemen	Dave Mayer	↓
Sunday, May 17	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing Ryan Trentman	Angie Miller Sarah Miller	Austin Munshower	Ryan Trentman	Dan Kramer	
Sunday, May 24	9:00 AM	Dan Marlow Deb Trentman	Angie Miller Sarah Miller	Alayna Beverly	Jenny Snipes	Dan Kramer	
Sunday, May 31	9:00 AM	Lynn Miller Rick Dientberger	Angie Miller Sarah Miller	Wyatt Kimmet	Rick Miller	Aaron Trentman	
Sunday, June 7	9:00 AM	Sue Kloeppe Lois Ewing	Sue Rode Karen Hartman	Olivia Rode	Dave Stemen	Dan Kramer	

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

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| 3) Lillyan Ketcham | 22) Evelyn Kloeppe |
| 5) Kathy Wortman | 23) Shelly Hasting |
| 10) Matt Mayer | 27) Chuck Peters |
| 13) Dan Rode | 30) Vicki Gossman |
| 17) Roger Calvert | 31) Anne Miller |
| 18) Sarah Miller | |
| 19) Ryan Rinehart | |
| 21) Maliya Hershberger | |

Twelve Disciples

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Judas Iscariot

Simon the Zealot

Thaddaeus

James, son of Alphaeus

Thomas

Matthew

Bartholomew

Philip

Andrew

Children's Page

Jesus says, "Follow me."

Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:40-42



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We are all called to follow Jesus as we live out our faith. Here, Jesus creates the miracle catch of fish but wants his disciples to eventually fish for people as they share the gospel.

MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Catechism Retreat	2 Catechism Retreat
3 Catechism Retreat Adult SS 9 AM Worship 10 AM	4	5	6 Prayer Group	7	8	9 Bible Study 9 AM Quilts 10:00 – 2:00
10 Adult SS 9 AM Worship 10 AM <i>Mother's Day Confirmation</i>	11 Journey in Faith 6:30 – 8:00	12	13	14	15	16 Jim's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 AM Parish Hall Reserved All day
17 Adult SS 9 AM Worship 10 AM <i>Graduation</i> Council Mtg after church	18	19	20 Prayer Group	21	22	23 Bible Study 9:00 AM
24/31 Worship Time Change 9:00 AM through Labor Day	25	26	27	28	29	30

Scripture Declarations for May:

In our faith journeys we often can benefit from knowing scripture to help us in our everyday lives. I received a list of scripture declarations from Dr. Terry Wardle last fall and I have added some of my own. Over the next few months, I will be including a page that has various scriptures for you that may be helpful.

Ps 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

2 Thes. 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

Ps. 27:4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Ps. 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Rom 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

Ps 25:2 I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Rom 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Rom 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Eph 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

1Jn 4:16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Rom 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

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