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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 – November 2026

A Little Bit of This and That for November…

If you are like me, you probably can't wait for the upcoming elections to be over. It seems like this year the campaign ads have been vicious. We have been bombarded with hate, and I am daily reminded that this is not the way of Jesus.

This year, our theme for the churches in Northwestern Ohio Synod has been **The Way of Love** based upon I John 4:17. "*We love because he first loved us.*"

Jesus calls us to radically choose love. After all, didn't Jesus say that the two greatest commandments are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength and then to love your neighbor as yourselves. It must break Jesus' heart to see that his beloved children are not choosing love.

Each of us has a call to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. We need to look at the teachings of Jesus and try to be followers. Jesus called out the Pharisees and those in power to allow love for all people, so that even the outcast and marginalized were to be treated with respect and care. He healed that blind, the sick, the outcast and even those outside the faith. He called people to repentance but used grace and love to be his guiding way of dealing with people and teaching the crowds and disciples who followed him.

When I was growing up, it was quite common to be taught **The Golden Rule**; Treat others as you wish to be treated. It is my prayer that somehow God's movement of love and grace would once again allow our country to be a shining light to other nations.

Last year God gave me this song, and I will share its lyrics with you.

Light of Life, Light of Love by Carol Pretorius

Light of Life, Light of Love, be in us.
Light of Life, Light of Love, be in us.

Jesus came that we might have life.
Jesus came to teach us love.

Light of Life, Light of Love, be in us.
Light of Life, Light of Love, be in us.

A light shining in the darkness.
A light to bring us grace and truth.

Light of Life, Light of Love, be in us.
Light of Life, Light of Love, be in us.

May God's light of love and grace be in us as we seek to be followers of Jesus.
Love,

Pastor Carol

Monthly Finance Reports:

Month: September 2026	Month Actual 2026	Month Actual 2025	YTD Actual 2026	YTD Actual 2025
Total Pastor	$ 6,686.97	$ 6,932.94	$ 66,760.25	$ 63,244.62
Total Worship	$ 1,274.43	$ 835.45	$ 10,398.64	$ 9,631.82
Total Teaching			$ 425.00	
Total Office	$ 1,386.35	$ 1,121.61	$ 12,506.02	$ 11,655.36
Total Maintenance	$ 714.34	$ 481.93	$ 5,210.29	$ 8,717.19
Total Utilities	$ 589.74	$ 772.39	$ 8,857.49	$ 9,129.60
Total Insurance & Taxes	$ 300.90	$ 427.81	$ 7,323.60	$ 6,893.39
Total Other				
Subtotal Expenditures	$ 10,952.73	$ 10,572.13	$ 111,481.29	$ 109,271.98
Total Benevolence	$ 213.39	$ 335.72	$ 4,880.13	$ 3,056.82
Total Secondary Acct	$ 1,467.96	$ 908.04	$ 25,122.14	$ 25,082.40
Total Payments	$ 12,634.08	$ 11,815.89	$ 141,483.56	$ 137,411.20
Total Receipts	$ 9,724.96	$ 12,332.98	$ 155,713.28	$ 127,679.72
Total Payments	$ 12,634.08	$ 11,815.89	$ 141,483.56	$ 137,411.20
Excess or Deficit	$ (2,909.12)	$ 517.09		$ (9,761.48)
Beginning Cash	$ 17,138.84	$(10,278.57)		
Add Receipts	$ 9,724.96	$ 12,332.98		
Less Payments	$ 12,634.08	$ 11,815.89		
Ending Cash	$ 14,229.72	$ (9,761.48)		
Note: Primerica investment for $35,138.38 was cashed in for church door replacement on June 16, 2026.				

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.

http://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8NS/home

Pork Loin Dinner

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for this event and thank you to all the volunteers for your help in making this event a huge success! Together, we have sold 906 tickets with a profit of $8,885.66 for this year's pork loin dinner fundraiser.

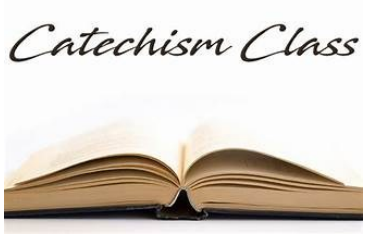
Maintenance:

The new doors have been installed and they are beautiful. It is so nice to have the handicapped entrance buttons to open the doors for those who need it. Have you also noticed how beautiful the railings are at the sanctuary entrance? This week, new blinds were installed in the parish hall and Pastor's office. A special thank you goes out to Dan Kramer who finished the wood framing needed around the new sanctuary doors and who continues to oversee the maintenance needs of the church building and grounds. Thank you also to his team of helpers.

Upcoming events at St. Peter Lutheran Church!



Sunday School in the Parish Hall. Everyone ages 3 & potty trained through adults are welcome to attend.
This is also an opportunity to welcome people who may be looking for a church to grow their faith. This is a good opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join us. One of the hardest things is for people to walk into a church and this is an opportunity to make that easier.



Last Sunday the students, parents, and I focused on what the students know about Jesus. We had a time of sharing and during the last 30 minutes began to watch "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

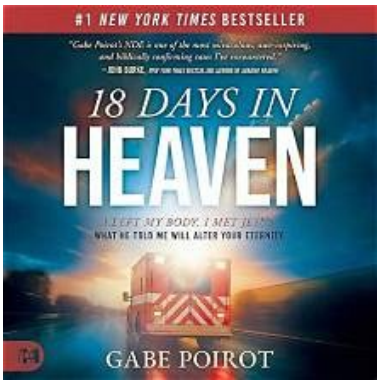
The students' homework is to begin reading the Gospel of Luke, chapters 1-18. You are invited to also begin reading the Gospel of Luke and to pray for Gavin, Austin, Alaynah, Lily, Caleb and Nick to experience the presence and grace of Jesus in their lives.

The next catechism class will be on November 8 from 1:00-3:00pm.



Lifewise:

To align more with the school in safety precautions, the front doors to the church will be locked when Lifewise is in session. There is a doorbell between the glass doors that you can use to be let in the church during those hours. Thank you for your cooperation!



Evening Book Study Opportunity:
18 Days in Heaven by Gabe Poirot
Gabe had a head trauma injury in which he crushed his skull and spent 18 days in a coma and on life support and had an experience in which he left his body and went to heaven. The book in his account of what happened to him, his conversations with Jesus, and his account of what he felt Jesus wanted him to share with the world. His sharing is filled with scripture and an account of deep faith. We will read several chapters a week and have opportunities for rich discussion and Bible study of the passages he shares in the book.
I hope you will consider being a part of this 5 week study.
Weeks: Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM -- October 21, 28, November 4, 11, and December 2

New Members:

Several people have expressed an interest in becoming active members of St. Peter. Mitch Furry and Teresa Okuly and their children as well as Merv Ewing and Kaiden's wife, Lauren Trentman. As of now, we will plan to have them join on November 15. If anyone else wishes to join the church as an active member, please contact Pastor Carol.

Young Adults:

Breakfast at Jim's on Saturday, November 14 at 9:00am.

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

Military:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

General Announcements

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

- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- Ron, Sue and Aaron Kloeppel in honor of Paige's 24th birthday
- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

The flower chart sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please sign up for that special occasion or celebration. Let the office know what you would like printed in the bulletin.

Bishop Daniel Beaudoin is coming Sunday, December 6!

Bishop Daniel will be here for Sunday School and then preach and preside at communion. After worship we will move to the parish hall for a potluck. You are all invited to come. Bring a dish, eat and get to know our wonderful bishop.

Bishop Daniel will show a short video on the goals of the Northwestern Ohio Synod to raise up leaders and to help congregations do ministry in their communities through micro- grants.

We are invited to have a special offering to support the Synod's Annual Fund to support this important work. Also, Eric Fritz will present a check to Bishop Daniel for the tithe from our Pork Loin Dinner. We will put plain envelopes in the pews during the month of November, and if you feel led to give to this fund, you may place your special offering in the envelope and put it in the offering plate. We will then have a second check to present as a special offering. We will also have the envelopes available on the 6th and any thing given on that day will just go with Bishop Daniel and not be logged into your contributions.

Most importantly, it would be wonderful to have a full church on December 6. I really want you all to meet Bishop Beaudoin (Boh-din) as he is a wonderful man of God, a wonderful leader, and a gift to our Northwestern Ohio Synod. **Please mark your calendar for December 6.**

Are you looking for ways to serve in the church? Below are a couple ways to get involved.

Money Counters:
We need to have a few more volunteers to count the offering after church on Sundays.
If interested in helping out, please let Lauren know by talking to her or emailing the church office at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com. Thank you!

Greeters and Ushers:
A new opportunity to serve is to be a greeter before church. Arrive early and stand at the door to welcome everyone as they enter the sanctuary. Ushers are also needed; this will include passing out bulletins and help with the offering. They also have an important role in welcoming others to worship. Would you consider being an usher?

Fellowship time after church -- We are asking for members to come and fellowship after church and need baked goods. Would you be willing to bake or purchase something for this special time to connect with your brothers and sisters in Christ? Sign up posted on bulletin board in Parish Hall.

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

If you willing to volunteer your gift of love and care to do any of these roles on Sunday morning, please let Pastor Carol or Lauren in the office 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 you help in the ministry of St. Peter Lutheran Church.

If we do not have your birthday listed. Please contact Lauren to get your name on the list to recognize your special day.

3) Emily Martin
3) Hannah Lieurance
5) Shirley Parsons
6) Janice Kloeppel
11) Collin Swick
12) Noah Cheney
13) Lexie Cheney
14) Kane Rode



14) Garrett Trentman
20) Jacob Trentman
21) Butch Prine
27) Sam Hasting
28) Alyssa Mox
29) Denise Kloeppel

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Lifewise.org/delphosoh

Scan the code with your phone or click the link https://lifewise.org/delphosoh



Outside Day

Jefferson LifeWise students enjoy class outside before the cold hits! This year they are learning about the life and teachings of Jesus.

See You at the Pole

On September 23, several Jefferson students and LifeWise students gathered at the flagpole to pray for their school! The high school FCA also partnered with them to lead devotions, bringing students together in faith and prayer.



A Word from Kristy Moore; LifeWise Director:

We are excited to share that LifeWise Delphos is off to a strong start! We are grateful to have over **300 students** in 1st- 8th grade participating in our LifeWise program. We are so thankful for the support of our community, families, volunteers, and everyone who has helped make this program possible. Seeing so many students take part in LifeWise is an exciting reminder of the eternal impact we can make together.

Week after week, seeing our students open their Bibles and get excited to hear God's Word is such an amazing thing to witness! Watching their curiosity grow, their hearts open, and their excitement for learning about Jesus is a beautiful reminder of why LifeWise is so important. As we continue to grow, we are hopeful that we will be able to bring LifeWise to the high school soon! We look forward to seeing what the future holds and reaching even more students in the Delphos community.

Thank you for being part of the LifeWise Delphos. We are excited for what's ahead and look forward to continuing this amazing start!
Blessings, Kristy Moore Lifewise Delphos

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)



LifeWise Delphos Newsletter

Delphos Franklin Elementary

Creation

Our elementary LifeWise students at Franklin are diving into the Bible and learning about Creation and the Fall of Man! As we explore the very beginning of the Bible, students are discovering how God created the world and everything in it. From the animals that roam the earth to the people He made in His image, there is so much to learn about God's amazing creation!

To make the lesson extra fun, students were challenged to use their creativity and form their favorite part of God's creation out of clay. The classroom came alive with colorful creations, imaginative ideas, and plenty of smiles! From a variety of animals and people to other unique creations, each student had the opportunity to bring a little piece of the lesson to life. It was a hands-on way to connect what they were learning in the Bible with the wonderful world God made.

And the creativity didn't stop there! Every clay creation was unique, giving students a chance to share their ideas and show just how much fun learning God's Word can be. We love seeing our students engage with the Bible in exciting, memorable ways!

We are so thankful for the approximately 180 eager learners who attend LifeWise at our Franklin location! It is a joy to see so many students coming each week to learn about God, explore His Word, and grow in their understanding of His love and truth. Please continue to pray for these students as they discover more about the Bible and the God who created them!



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Location	Date & time	Contact info
St. John the Evangelist - Ministry Center 201 N. Pierce St. Delphos, Ohio 45833	Tuesday, November 17, 2026 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	To Register: Kathy Ulm 419-516-3994

griefshare.org/holidays

Last year with your support of various clubs, organizations, and toy drives, we were able to provide 194 children with happy memories on Christmas morning and over 193 fruit plates to our elderly and shut ins. Thank you for your support!
We hope we can continue to count on you this year. If you know of anyone who could use a little help this Christmas please let us know. Send those names, with a short note, to

Delphos Community Christmas Project
PO Box 283, Delphos, Ohio 45833

If you choose to contribute to us this year, there are Angel Tree Cards at the local banks and other businesses throughout the city. There are also various toy drives you can contribute to. If you choose to make a monetary donation, your tax deductible donation can be mailed to the PO Box address above.
Thank you for your support. We wish you all a Merry Christmas!





SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER	GREETERS
Sunday, Nov. 1	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman Lois Ewing	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Wyatt Kimmet	Aaron Trentman	Alan Trentman	Sue Rode Char Birkmeier
Sunday, Nov. 8	10:00 AM	Dan Marlow Rick Dienstberger	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Gavin Kimmet	Jacob Trentman	Dan Kramer	Matt Weitzel Sam Hasting
Sunday, Nov. 15	10:00 AM	Deb Trentman Lynn Miller	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Roy Trentman	Rick Miller	Matt Weitzel	Rick Miller
Sunday, Nov. 22	10:00 AM	Sue Kloeppel Ryan Trentman	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Olivia Rode	Matt Weitzel	Ryan Trentman	Ally Siefker Jim Hasting
Sunday, Nov. 29	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman Lois Ewing	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Austin Munshower	Rachel Munshower	Jacob Trentman	Sue Rode Char Birkmeier
Sunday, Dec. 6	10:00 AM	Dan Marlow Rick Diesntberger	Angie Miller Sarah Miller	Alayna Beverly	Jenny Snipes	Dan Kramer	Matt Weitzel Sam Hasting

If there is a date that doesn't work for you, please let Lauren know and she will help find someone else to fill in for you. *Thank you!*

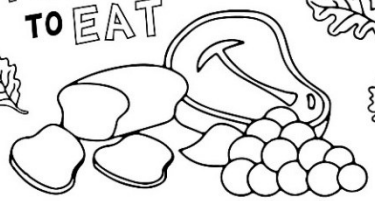
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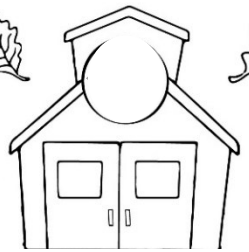
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sun. School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Potluck after Church	2	3 Altar Guild Mtg 6:00 PM 	4 Prayer Group 1:00 – 3:00 Book Study 7:00-8:30 PM	5	6	7
8 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM Catechism 1:00-3:00	9 WELCA Meeting 6:00 PM	10	11 Council Mtg 6:30 Book Study 7:15-8:30 PM 	12	13	14 Jim's Breakfast 9:00 AM
15 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	16	17	18 Prayer Group 1:00 -3:00	19	20	21
22/29 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	23/30	24	25	26 	27	28

PLACEMAT OF THANKS

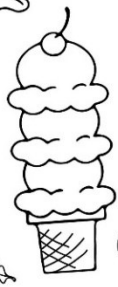
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FOOD TO EAT





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MY FRIENDS



MY PETS



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TREES AND FLOWERS



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Psalm 50:14 Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 95:2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Psalm 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Psalm 107:22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

Psalm 116:17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.

Psalm 147:7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God,



Find the words in the verses and add the missing letters

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Find the words. They're hidden in all directions.

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