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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.

March Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, February 18th



President's Day

Monday, Feb. 16th



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 18th

The Messenger



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St. Peter Lutheran Church – February 2026

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

During this time, I am teaching a six week workshop on Overcoming Anxiety and Depression that combines scientific knowledge as well as Biblical scripture resources. As I have been putting together the weekly classes, I have become increasingly aware of how important it is to create sacred space to get alone with God.

Jesus often went off by himself to pray. This prayer time was important for refueling him to do the ministry of healing and teaching among his disciples and the many desperate people desiring healing in their lives. What would his ministry have been like if he did not do this? This prayer time kept him connected to the Father, and he often said, "I only do what I see my Father doing." He was all about doing the will of God the Father. His prayer time was critical to his ministry. This is an important lesson on faith for all of us.

As we are called in our vocations to be a light of Christ in our midst, it is important for each of us to get refueled by spending time with Jesus and the Word of God.

Toward the end of February, we will enter the season of Lent and this year I want to encourage all of us to carve out time to sit with scripture and soak in prayer and the presence of God. I recommend the following scriptures to use... **Zephania 3:17, Isaiah 61, John 10:11-15, and Psalms 23, 91, and 139** to ponder and sit with. These are some of my favorite verses because they speak of God's love and care for us. I then recommend that we take the time in Lent to read all the Gospel of John.

In chapter 15 in John, we are admonished to abide in Jesus. He is the vine and we are the branches. We get our nourishment from the vine. Therefore, it is important that we learn to create the time and space to soak in scripture and to ask Jesus to speak to us in his word and through the Holy Spirit.

So, whether you regularly spend non hurried time in prayer and soaking in God's Word, or whether this is something new for you, I invite us all on the journey.

May you be blessed with a deepening knowledge of God's love for you as you soak in God's love and care for you.

Love,
Pastor Carol

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7:00PM on February 18th. Then for the next five Wednesdays we will be having Lenten soup suppers that will begin at 6:15PM followed by a short service in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

Monthly Finance Reports:

	St. Peter Lutheran Church Delphos, Ohio	DECEMBER			
		MONTH ACTUAL	MONTH ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL
		2025	2024	2025	2024
1	TOTAL PASTOR	6,193.33	6,283.16	82,225.46	79,346.27
2	TOTAL WORSHIP	926.07	1,358.48	12,867.44	13,074.59
3	TOTAL CONVENTIONS				
4	TOTAL TEACHING			475.00	
5	TOTAL OFFICE	1,126.88	1,444.82	16,575.09	16,113.28
6	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	865.18	27,530.20	12,465.95	69,171.99
7	TOTAL UTILITIES	1,082.47	914.58	11,478.87	8,969.29
8	TOTAL INS & TAXES	261.58	216.32	9,127.67	8,241.86
9	TOTAL OTHER				
10	SUB TOT-EXPENDITURE	10,475.51	37,747.56	144,740.48	195,392.28
	TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	5,454.75	2,352.08	9,528.19	10,560.20
	TOTAL SECONDARY ACCT	8,899.00	9,811.00	43,248.98	23,117.94
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	24,829.26	49,910.64	197,517.65	229,070.42
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	63,082.49	39,786.38	229,093.45	190,441.18
	TRANSFER - IN				
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	24,829.26	49,910.64	197,517.65	229,070.42
	EXCESS or DEFICIT	38,253.23	(10,124.26)	31,575.80	(38,629.41)
	BEGINNING CASH	-6,677.63	-26,691.98		
	ADD RECEIPTS	63,082.49	39,786.38		
	LESS PAYMENTS	24,829.26	49,910.64		
	ENDING CASH	31,575.80	-38,629.41		

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>

Upcoming events at St. Peter Lutheran Church!

Sunday School in the Parish Hall held every Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Everyone ages 3 & potty trained through adults are welcome to attend.

Catechism from 1:00-3:00 on Sunday February 15th. Last month students and their parent focused on scripture that told of their identity as a beloved child of God. This month, we will focus on what does it mean to walk as a child of God.

Anxiety & Depression Workshop:

COMBATTING ANXIETY & DEPRESSION: A SIX WEEK SESSION TO HELP HEAL FROM ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

Where: St. Peter Lutheran Church

When: January 12, 19, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 (6:30 – 8:00 PM)

Call 419-512-4490 to Register

Led by Pastor Carol Pretorius, Ordained Pastor who has a background in: Healing Care Prayer Practices as well as Masters Degrees in Education and Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Council meeting after church on Sunday, February 15th

WELCA Meeting will be on Monday, February 9th at 6:00 PM

Emily Martin to perform the song she wrote for her wedding at Van Wert Live, Ohio Has Talent at Niswonger in Van Wert on February 28th. It would be great to get a large group to go and support her. It starts at 7:00 PM. On show night, the audience has the power to choose the winner. Each ticketed attendee receives a vote.

Go to www.vanwertlive.com for ticket information

Young Adult Group meets for breakfast at Jim's Restaurant on Saturday, February 7th. This is just a nice time to check in with each other and enjoy a good breakfast as we fellowship. *All are welcome!*

February 8th – Potluck Birthday Bash! Come, enjoy this special potluck in which we will take dessert time to celebrate everyone's birthday. We will have cupcakes or a big cake. People will be invited to go to tables for specific months to talk and fellowship. These are some of the questions you can choose to answer.

1. When is your birthday?
2. What is your favorite birthday memory?
3. Where did you grow up? Farm, in town, etc.
4. Did you have a large family with lots of siblings?
5. What is your favorite birthday gift?

This will provide a chance to get to know people as we often just sit with people we already know. We will move to the birthday month table designations at dessert time. I hope you will plan to bring a dish and enjoy the fellowship.

Community News:

GriefShare is a biblically based, nationally recognized, locally presented non-denominational program created to assist those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, regardless of the cause of that loss, or when it occurred. GriefShare offers compassion and understanding and help in finding a path forward as a grief survivor. Our third annual GriefShare series sessions will begin Thursday evening, January 8, 2026 at the St. John's Annex on South Jefferson Street in Delphos from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. These sessions will be held each Thursday evening through March 26, 2026 and are free to attend. Everyone involved in presenting these programs has navigated the grief journey you may be walking. For more information please contact Kathy Ulm 419-516-3994, program coordinator or Delphos St. John the Evangelist Ministry Center at 419-695-4050.

General Announcements

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

- The Himmeger family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

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

Military:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER	GREETERS
Sunday, Feb. 1	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman Lynn Miller	Vicki Rinehart Lauren Trentman	Caleb Trentman	Alan Trentman	Dan Kramer	
Sunday, Feb. 8	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing Dan Marlow	Vicki Rinehart Lauren Trentman	Charlotte Koebel	Aaron Trentman	Dave Mayer	
Sunday, Feb. 15	10:00 AM	Rick Dienstberger Ryan Trentman	Vicki Rinehart Lauren Trentman	Roy Trentman	Kathy Stemen	Dan Kramer	
Sunday, Feb. 22	10:00 AM	Sue Kloepel Deb Trentman	Vicki Rinehart Lauren Trentman	Wyatt Kimmet	Dave Stemen	Aaron Trentman	
Sunday, Mar. 1	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing Dan Marlow	Jen Trentman Lauren Trentman	Austin Munshower	Jenny Snipes	Alan Trentman	

February 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.

- 14) Karen Hartman
- 14) Rachel Munshower
- 16) Thomas Calvelage
- 26) Jordan Koebel

GOD SAYS

I AM LOVED

JEREMIAH 31:3

Name one person you can pray for this Valentine's Day



WORD SEARCH

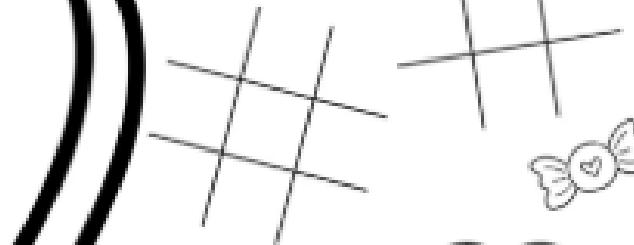
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SALVATION HOPE ETERNAL
PRECIOUS FOREVER

FILL IN THE BLANK

I am _____

LOVED, STRONG, FORGIVEN, BRAVE, KIND,
HAPPY, JOYFUL, SMART, BLESSED, SPECIAL



Would you rather give a hug to everyone in your class or bake cookies to share with your neighbors?



WORD SCRAMBLE

JSUBS _____

OFGRVIE _____

SEPICLA _____

HOW MANY HEARTS DO YOU SEE? _____

From the Gospel of John

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Jesus Heals

Two Fish

Five Barley Loaves

Born Anew

Holy Spirit

Water into Wine

Wedding at Cana

Jesus walks on Water

Bread from Heaven

Bread of Life

Feeding the Five Thousand

Samaritan Woman

John the Baptist

Nicodemus

Word became Light

February 2026

1 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	2	3	4 Anxiety & Depression Workshop 6:30-8:00	5 GriefShare 6:30-8:00 PM	6	7
8 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM Fellowship Potluck Birthday Celebration	9 WELCA Mtg 6:00 PM Anxiety & Depression Workshop 6:30-8:00	10	11	12 GriefShare 6:30-8:00 PM	13	14 
15 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM Council Mtg Catechism 1:00-3:00	16 Anxiety & Depression Workshop 6:30-8:00	17	18 Service @ 7:00 PM  ASH WEDNESDAY	19 GriefShare 6:30-8:00 PM	20	21
22 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	23 Anxiety & Depression Workshop 6:30-8:00	24	25	26 Griefshare 6:30-8:00 PM	27	28

Dear Members and Friends of St Peter Lutheran Church.

As we turned the calendar to a new year, we wanted to take the time and thank you from the Stewardship Committee for another great year of your donating Time, Talents and Treasure. When there is a need for the good of the Church, you have always come forward to assist in the need.

2025 was another great year and we wanted to say thank you for the giving of such faithful members. We not only met the goal pledged in 2025, we exceeded the goal. The amount given to the General Fund along with loose offering and seasonal giving was up. This total included Family Units that are giving to the General Fund, but did not fill out a pledge card. We had 35 Family Units complete a pledge card, and we had a total of 60 Family Units contributing to the General Fund. This is amazing. We have stressed from the beginning, your pledge is between you and God, and we want to continue to stress this.

We also want to take the time and thank everyone for their donation of Time and Talents. The list of individuals who donate their help to organize the numerous activities at St Peter is a long one, and I want to say it is greatly appreciated to help keep the Church running smoothly.

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The Stewardship Committee

YTD 2025 GIVING REPORT

For 2025, we had 35 family units fill out pledge cards. Of those 35 pledges, 27 gave over their pledged amount and 8 gave under their pledged amount.

There were a total of 60 family units who gave to our church in 2025.

General Fund	\$ 168,286.00
Seasonal Giving	\$ 4,160.00
Loose Offering	\$ 3,265.00
Total	\$ 175,711.00

35 Pledges	\$ 137,044.00
Family U not pledging	\$ 35,402.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 3,265.00
	\$ 175,711.00

The total amount given exceeded the total anticipated income for 2025, which was \$159,000.00.