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**December Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

# The Messenger



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## **St. Peter Lutheran Church – November 2025**

### **A Little Bit of This and That for November...**

Greetings my wonderful friends in Christ!

Have I told you lately how thankful I am for all of you. God is at work in my life and in your life. We may not always see him, but he is journeying with us. This makes all the difference as we can trust God's love and the ability to move mountains to get to us.

November is the month set aside in which we focus on giving thanks for God for all in our lives. This last week, I had the opportunity to attend a three-day conference on anxiety, and I am so thankful for what I learned and what I will be able to share with you.

On the first day, Kieth talked about how he is trying to be more mindful of the present moments in his life. He has changed his focus to look for beauty around him. He has a 45-minute drive to the Healing Care Center, and he looks for things of beauty on his way. He also looks for this throughout his day. His goal is to find 10 things of beauty each day. At the end of the day, he makes note of them.

Have you noticed the amazing beauty of the color of the leaves as they have begun to change. Sunday morning on my drive to Delphos, the sun hit the trees, and their beauty almost took my breath away and I began to praise God for his creation.

I invite you this month to practice trying to be in the present moment by looking for things of beauty. What have you noticed of beauty lately?

Last Tuesday my niece, Emily, was able to come to my house for a few hours and I was able to bask in the beauty of the love relationship that she had with her 3-month-old daughter. It was beautiful to watch how Emily attuned to her daughter and to see Millie celebrated. Then at the seminar, I was able to worship freely through song, and I was able to connect with the presence of God in worship. I could raise my hands in praise and just worship our amazing God. I saw beauty in the speakers who shared their wisdom about overcoming anxiety. I saw beauty in the people who greeted me each morning as we entered the venue. Then, Sunday morning, I saw beauty in all of you who were at worship as you worshiped and interacted with me as I preached. You are amazing and beautiful.

So, in this month where we focus on giving thanks, let's focus on things for which to be thankful. Some things might seem ordinary, but they are beautiful...things like filtered water from my sink in my new kitchen or being able to see the sunrise over the lake outside my kitchen window, or being able to connect with a friend. May you find joy in finding beauty.

Love,  
Pastor Carol

## Monthly Finance Reports:

		SEPTEMBER			
St. Peter Lutheran Church Delphos, Ohio		MONTH ACTUAL	MONTH ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL
		2025	2024	2025	2024
1	TOTAL PASTOR	6,932.94	6,605.75	63,244.62	58,007.47
2	TOTAL WORSHIP	835.45	1,088.43	9,631.82	9,649.22
3	TOTAL CONVENTIONS				
4	TOTAL TEACHING				475.00
5	TOTAL OFFICE	1,121.61	1,060.53	11,655.36	11,866.42
6	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	481.93	1,192.39	8,717.19	29,323.18
7	TOTAL UTILITIES	772.39	246.42	9,129.60	7,046.42
8	TOTAL INS & TAXES	427.81	406.55	6,893.39	6,288.23
9	TOTAL OTHER				
	SUB TOT-EXPENDITURE	10,572.13	10,600.07	109,271.98	122,655.94
10	TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	335.72	300.99	3,056.82	7,434.11
	TOTAL SECONDARY ACCT	908.04	2,046.72	25,082.40	9,049.13
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	11,815.89	12,947.78	137,411.20	139,139.18
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,332.98	14,550.52	127,649.72	118,104.23
	TRANSFER - IN				
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	11,815.89	12,947.78	137,411.20	139,139.18
	EXCESS or DEFICIT	517.09	1,602.74	-9,761.48	-21,034.95
	BEGINNING CASH	-10,278.57			
	ADD RECEIPTS	12,332.98			
	LESS PAYMENTS	11,815.89			
	ENDING CASH	-9,761.48			

**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. 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.

### *Catechism Class*



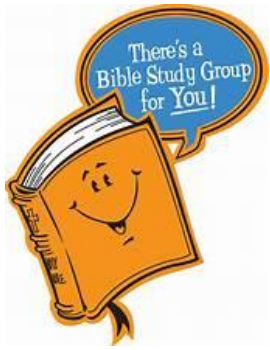
**Catechism from 1:00-3:00 on November 9<sup>th</sup>:**

We will finish watching the movie on Martin Luther and go over key concepts of why the Protestant Reformation occurred.



**Join us for a fellowship potluck:**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a potluck lunch** after church to celebrate the results of our gifts and talents pledges. Melissa and Sue will provide shredded beef and shredded chicken and we are asked to fill in with other foods to complement the meal.



### Home Share Group invitation:

Are there any of you interested in being a part of a home share group? See Pastor Carol. This a great way to grow your faith in a small group.



### Look for Information to follow about a six-week class on ways to deal with anxiety:

Pastor Carol had an amazing experience at a three-day seminar on anxiety. She plans to use information from this seminar and her own knowledge from her master's in clinical mental health counseling to develop a six-week class to provide knowledge about anxiety and tools to help overcome it. It will be Christian based and open to those in the church as well as others you may know who struggle with anxiety.

The classes will start on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on second week of January.



### Calling all young adults:

You are invited to meet at Jim's for breakfast at 9:00 am with Pastor Carol to connect on November 8. This is for anyone 16 to upper twenties. We will each be responsible to pay for our meals. This will be a time for me to touch base with you. I want to discuss how to help you grow in faith in ways that bring life and wholeness. How might we journey forward together?



WELCA will be having our annual noodle making event starting this fall. Our first will take place on **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**. There will be the morning shift that begins around 9:00 am. This crew will be making the dough. Then, there will be another shift in the afternoon that starts between 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm. This crew works the dough and makes the noodles. We welcome your help in our noodle making. It is a lot of fun and fellowship with the members of our church. We are also asking for **donations of eggs**. There will be a sign-up sheet for ordering noodles.



**GriefShare** is a biblically based, nationally recognized locally presented 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. We cordially invite anyone in our area to join us for the Second Annual "Surviving the Holidays" program Sunday afternoon, November 23, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Delphos Knights

of Columbus Hall and to consider participation in our full GriefShare sessions to begin January 8, 2026 at the St. John's Annex in Delphos. Both GriefShare programs are free to attend. Everyone involved in presenting these programs has navigated the same journey you are walking. For more information please contact Delphos St. John the Evangelist Ministry Center at 419-695-4050 or Kathy Ulm 419-516-3994, program coordinator.

# General Announcements

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

- Dave Mayer in celebration of his grandson's wedding. Jordan and Kari Koebel were married on Friday, October 17, 2025
- Ron, Sue, and Aaron Kloeppel in honor of Paige's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday
- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

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

- Dave Mayer in celebration of his grandson's wedding.

**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.

## Church Opportunities:

The mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church is to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others. With that being said, there are a variety of ways to become active and serve the Lord.

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.

We are also in need to have a few more volunteers to **count the offering** after church on Sundays.

**Usher, Communion Assistant, and Church Readers** are also needed for Sunday services.

If interested in helping out in any of the above opportunities, please let Lauren know by talking to her or emailing the church office at [stpeterdelphos@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterdelphos@gmail.com). Our hope is that you will prayerfully consider signing up.

*The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*

—Ephesians 4:11–12

## 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

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



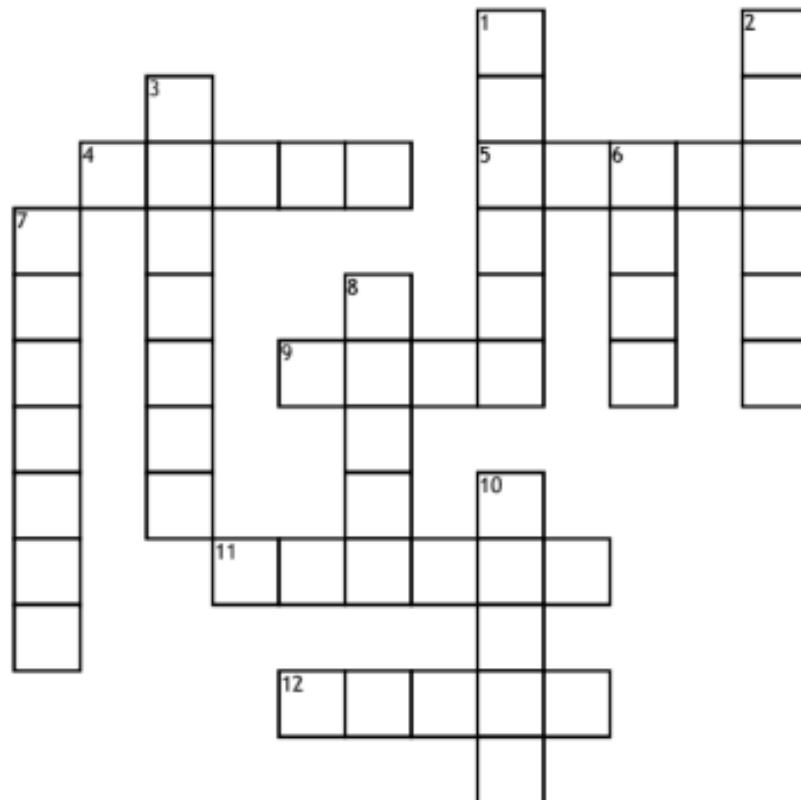
14) Garrett Trentman  
 20) Jacob Trentman  
 21) Butch Prine  
 27) Sam Hasting  
 28) Alyssa Mox  
 29) Denise Kloeppel  
 29) Ty Krueckeberg



SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER	GREETERS
Sunday, Nov. 2	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman Rick Dienstberger	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Alayna Beverly	Aaron Trentman	Alan Trentman	Char Birkmeier Sue Rode
Sunday, Nov. 9	10:00 AM	Yvonne Koenig Ryan Trentman	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Charlotte Koebel	Dave Stemen	Aaron Trentman	Char Birkmeier Sue Rode
Sunday, Nov. 16	10:00 AM	Sue Kloeppel Dan Marlow	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Wyatt Kimmitt	Jenny Snipes	Dan Kramer	Char Birkmeier Sue Rode
Sunday, Nov. 23	10:00 AM	Rick Dienstberger Deb Trentman	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Gavin Kimmitt	Kaiden Trentman	Dave Mayer	Char Birkmeier Sue Rode
Sunday, Nov. 30	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman Yvonne Koenig	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Austin Munshower	Aaron Trentman	Alan Trentman	Char Birkmeier Sue Rode
Sunday, Dec. 7	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing Barb Krueckeberg	Angie Miller Sarah Miller Donna Berger	Roy Trentman	Kathy Stemen	Eric Fritz	Ally Hasting Jim Hasting



## Holy Spirit at Work to Call People to Faith and Leadership



### Across

4. He was changed when he wrestled with God through the night.

5. God called him to free his people from bondage in Egypt.

9. Jesus changed Saul's name to this.

11. One of the first two disciples called to follow Jesus

12. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ to preach and spread the Gospel.

### Down

1. God called him while he was sleeping.

2. He was called by God to lead in the battle of Jericho.

3. In Joppa, Peter called a woman named \_\_\_\_\_ who died to come back to life.

6. God came in power to him on the Road to Damascus.

7. This angel told Mary she would be the mother of Jesus.

8. God chose him to be king over Israel over his older brothers.

10. Jesus told him he would build his church upon him.





**SUNDAY****MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

# NOVEMBER 2025

1  
Coffee Cup Bible  
Study

2  
9:00 AM Sun. School  
10:00 AM worship

3

4  
Altar Guild  
Meeting 6:00 PM



5  
Prayer Group

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8  
Young Adult  
Jim's Breakfast  
9:00 AM

9  
Sun. School 9 AM  
Worship 10 AM  
Catechism 1:00-3:00

10  
WELCA Meeting  
6:00 PM



12

13

14

15  
Coffee Cup Bible  
Study

16  
Sun. School 9 AM  
Worship 10 AM

17

18

19  
Prayer Group

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23/30  
Sun. School 9 AM  
Worship 10 AM  
  
Community  
GriefShare 2:00 PM

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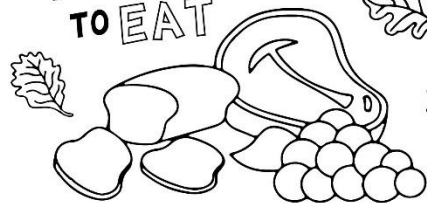
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# PLACEMAT OF THANKS

I CAN GIVE THANKS FOR:

FOOD  
TO EAT



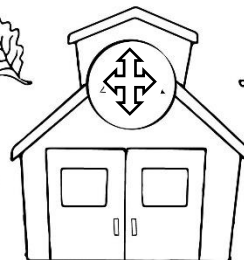
CLOTHES  
TO WEAR



BOOKS



MY  
FAMILY



Jesus

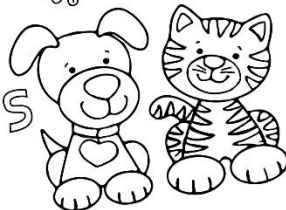


ICE  
CREAM

MY FRIENDS



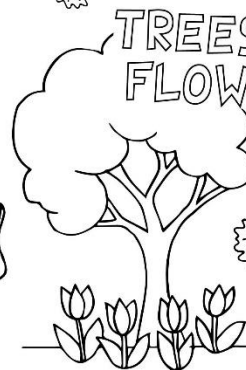
MY  
PETS



MUSIC



TREES AND  
FLOWERS



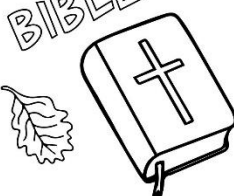
MY  
HOUSE



MY  
TOYS



THE  
BIBLE



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