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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.

October Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, September 21st



Labor Day – Monday, September 1st

The Messenger



First day of Autumn is Monday, September 22nd

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St. Peter Lutheran Church – September 2025

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

As I begin to write yet another message to you through the newsletter, I pray that what I write speaks to your hearts and encourages your faith. We are all on a faith journey whether we are actively engaged or not for we are all spiritual beings housed in mortal bodies.

As I begin my seventh year with you, I begin to question how we are doing on this spiritual journey together. Are you growing deeper in your relationship with Christ and am I continuing to grow in depth and faith to convey God's love and message to you?

In August, my husband Pastor Doug and I began a five-part series on stewardship. Most of us, when we hear that word groan, but it is really just another word that refers to how we **manage things in our lives and faith journey**. Each Sunday we addressed another topic that we need to manage well. The five topics were our time, talents that God has given each of us, our relationships, our money, and how we manage to care for God's creation.

When we are baptized into Christ we are baptized into the body of Christ. We are claimed by God as a child of God. Jesus is our savior who makes this possible.

Over this summer I have been ruminating over the concept of Jesus as savior and Jesus as Lord and Savior. I was baptized as a baby and I believe that God claimed me then. I grew up in the Methodist Church, but did not fully understand the depth of the call to make Jesus my Lord until I was a freshman in college. When I think of Jesus as my savior, I am grateful and relieved that I do not have to earn my way to heaven. I can be at rest in that and choose to do very little in my life to really get to know Jesus.

But, when I make a commitment to Jesus as my Lord, the faith journey is different. I open my heart to allow Jesus to be more at work to mold me into the person God created me to be. This faith journey becomes different because I need to get to know Jesus on a more personal level to understand who he is as my Lord and to listen to what I believe he through the Holy Spirit is calling me to be and do each day of my life. What becomes important in my life is that I am open to follow Jesus.

For much of my life, I was restless in my faith. I needed Jesus to do some deep healing work in my life. I used my gifts to further the work in the church and in my community, but I was restless in each of the many professions I tried. As I look back, I think I had a calling to Pastoral Ministry back in 1979, but I said for years that one pastor in the family was enough. I think my mental stand was a roadblock. Granted, I often did ministry in the church as Doug's pastor wife. I prayed with people, encouraged people, facilitated an adult Sunday School class, preached when Doug was away, and generally encouraged others in the faith- all gifts for pastoral ministry.

It wasn't until I came to a fall gathering of the ELCA SW conference churches at St. Peter, in 2018 that I could no longer deny the call to pastoral ministry. The Holy Spirit was at work to call me here to you at St. Peter.

As I look back on these six years we have spent together I see that we have become a much more open and loving church. You have become better at welcoming new people and this is a place where the love of Christ can be found.

My question is... is there more that Jesus wants us to be doing. How do we continue to share the call to follow Jesus as our Lord and savior and not just savior? How do we move forward to discern God's call to us to become more actively involved in ministry to our communities and even those struggling around the world? How do we each live into the fullness of the relationship that Jesus longs to have with each of us? How do we allow the Holy Spirit to stretch us in our faith to risk failure or disappointment in the outcome?

Jesus says that he will never leave us or desert us. If Christ is for us, who can be against us? It is easy for us to become complacent and just do things as we have always done them. I am asking all of us to pray and discern what some of our next steps might be as we move forward together in faith.

As we think about how we move deeper in faith with Jesus as our Lord and Savior, may we all discover a deeper connection and the richness that this journey of faith brings. Blessings to all of you.

Love,

Pastor Carol

Small Group Opportunity to Grow in Faith as a Disciple of Jesus:

Pastor Ken Pollitz shared several books with me written by Michael W. Foss, the senior pastor serving Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville, Minnesota. Both of his books address the same six concepts of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. I am wondering if there are a group of you who would be willing to do a six-week study on one of the books with me. We could meet on an evening for 90 minutes and share our thoughts on what is presented in the book. Please, let me know if you would be interested in joining a group by calling or texting me at 419-512-4490.

Third Annual Women's Retreat to be Held at Pastor Carol's Home:

Date: Saturday, September 27th

Time: Arrive between 9:00-9:30am and end around 3:00pm

Bring: A salad or something of your choosing to share for lunch.

Last year, several people met in the parking lot at St. Peter at 8:15 to carpool.

This is a fun day for fellowship, some study with Becky Walker and a little time to do some crafts.

This year's theme is on **gratitude**. We can all use a little more joy.

Catechism will begin the Second Sunday in October for students in grades 6-8:

This year, Pastor Carol will be holding catechism for our students and a parent or grandparent. (Martin Luther always intended for parents to be involved in their children's catechism and therefore wrote ***The Small Catechism***.)

Classes: The second Sunday of Each Month, beginning in October.

Time: 1-3:00

Expectations: 1. Come with an open mind to learn and participate.

2. Experience calling of what it means to follow Jesus.

3. Do some sort of project in ministry during the year... We might brainstorm and do this as a group.

4. If able, attend a catechism retreat at a time yet to be determined. I would also love it if we could go to Camp Lutherwald in June.

5. Begin to understand who Jesus is and how that makes all the difference in our lives as we journey in faith together.

6. Set aside a short time to read and pray each day. We will read one of the Gospels and discuss this during class. I will provide a daily reading list of verses for each day. The verses will be short in length.

**A big Thank You to Landon Calvelage for the completion
of the landscaping around the Church Building:**

Landon power washed the church building and completed the landscaping that needed to be done around the north side of the building and the front of the sanctuary. He also moved the stone back in the court yard. He did this as a part of the project for earning his Eagle Scout Achievement.



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 Meetings:

InReach/OutReach: September 2nd at 6:30pm

Stewardship: Team Meeting: September 3rd, after Lawn Chair Service

Women's Prayer Meetings: September 3rd and 17th

Monthly Finance Reports:

St. Peter Lutheran Church Delphos, Ohio		JULY			
		MONTH ACTUAL	MONTH ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL
	2025	2024	2025	2024	
1	TOTAL PASTOR	6,813.28	5,900.62	46,123.67	43,717.98
2	TOTAL WORSHIP	1,562.70	1,236.54	7,381.68	7,471.69
3	TOTAL CONVENTIONS	-	-		
4	TOTAL TEACHING	-	-		475.00
5	TOTAL OFFICE	1,268.15	1,280.71	9,094.32	9,340.22
6	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	447.57	1,047.90	7,670.75	5,266.28
7	TOTAL UTILITIES	591.07	455.57	7,690.26	6,150.96
8	TOTAL INS & TAXES	355.68	269.31	4,884.34	4,397.31
9	TOTAL OTHER	-	-		
	SUB TOT-EXPENDITURE	11,038.45	10,190.65	84,845.02	76,819.44
10	TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	395.93	3,933.87	2,408.76	6,861.54
	TOTAL SECONDARY ACCT	99.59	524.50	23,874.36	4,442.82
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	11,533.97	14,649.02	111,128.14	88,123.80
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	13,297.21	23,719.91	106,209.63	90,099.75
	TRANSFER - IN				
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	11,533.97	14,649.02	111,599.14	88,123.80
	EXCESS or DEFICIT	1,763.24	9,070.89	-5,389.51	1,975.95
	BEGINNING CASH	-6,805.90	-7,094.94		
	ADD RECEIPTS	13,297.21	23,719.91		
	LESS PAYMENTS	11,533.97	14,649.02		
	ENDING CASH	-5,389.51	1,975.95		

Upcoming events at St. Peter Lutheran Church!



SAVE the DATE: Sunday School will kick off on **October 12th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. Everyone ages 3 & potty trained through adults are welcome to attend. If you are interested in helping with a class or have questions regarding attending, please reach out to Carrie Calvelage at 419.233.4561.

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 for our children entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will begin on October 12th, from 1:00-3:00 PM at St. Peter. Parents are encouraged to attend as well.



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!



Fall Paint and Praise: September 17th, 6:00- 8:30ish.

Please sign up so we know how to plan.

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

General Announcements

Radio Ministry was given to the glory of God in July and August by:

- Dave Stemen in memory of Connie Stemen
- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- The Klenz family in memory of Rolland Klenz
- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Mark and Linda Downey

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

- Carolyn Dunlap in memory of Herb and Edith Dunlap

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.

Pork Loin Dinner: *Reminder that the church service will be at 9:00 AM on Sunday, Oct 5th.*

It is that time of year again for our 15th annual pork loin dinner which will be held on Sunday, October 5th. With your donations and help, preparations and serving this dinner is becoming a well-oiled machine. Last year we raised over \$7000.00 for the church! Tickets are available and being distributed. Please return money for sold tickets by Sunday, September 21st. We look forward to your help in achieving our goals.

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!



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

- 1) Alan Trentman
- 6) Sharon Reel
- 7) Fred Hasting
- 7) Lindsay Lane
- 7) Dan Staples
- 8) Gunnar Noftz
- 12) Robert Wortman
- 16) Ed Fritz
- 16) Allyson Hasting

- 20) Rob Wortman
- 21) Debra Simon
- 23) Kayla Kruse
- 27) Susan McGue
- 28) Laurie Warnecke
- 28) Caleb Trentman
- 30) Linda Downey



Reminder that *Sunday, September 14th* the service will change back to *10:00 AM*

SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER
Sunday, Sept. 7	9:00 AM	Dan Marlow Ryan Trentman	Sue Kloeppel Lauren Trentman	Alayna Beverly	Ron Kloeppel	Dan Kramer
Sunday, Sept. 14	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing Deb Trentman	Sue Kloeppel Lauren Trentman	Austin Munshower	Dan Kramer	Dave Stemen
Sunday, Sept. 21	10:00 AM	Sue Kloeppel Dan Marlow	Sue Kloeppel Lauren Trentman	Kayleigh Rode	Jenny Snipes	Alan Trentman
Sunday, Sept. 28	10:00 AM	Larry Miller Deb Trentman	Sue Kloeppel Lauren Trentman	Olivia Rode	Larry Miller	Dave Mayer
Sunday, Oct. 5	9:00 AM	Alan Trentman Rick Dienstberger	Sue Rode Lauren Trentman	Roy Trentman	Alan Trentman	Ryan Trentman
Sunday, Oct. 12	10:00 AM	Dan Marlow Ryan Trentman	Sue Rode Lauren Trentman	Wyatt Kimmitt	Dave Stemen	Aaron Trentman

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2025						
	1 	2	3 Prayer Group 7:00 PM Worship Stewardship Meeting 8:00 PM	4	5	6 Skym / Warnecke Wedding 
7 9:00 AM Worship	8	9	10 7:00 PM Worship	11	12	13
14 10:00 AM Worship 	15	16	17 Prayer Group Paint & Praise 6:00-8:30	18	19	20
21 10:00 AM Worship	22 	23	24	25	26	27 Woman's Retreat 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
28 10:00 AM Worship	29	30	Reminder: Pork Loin Dinner is Sunday, October 5th Church worship time will be at 9:00 AM on that Sunday.			