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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



May the Lord bless you and your family with happiness, peace, and prosperity.

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St. Peter Lutheran Church – January 2026

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

It is six days before Christmas as I sit down to write to you. Most of my gifts are wrapped and the essential making of homemade caramels and turtles is done. Christmas Day is fast approaching as well as a new year. As I ponder the birth of Christ and how Jesus brought love into the world, I ponder how Jesus might move in this next year to deepen our faith and reliance on his power to bring new life to each of us.

How might we choose a life filled with faith that emanates the love of God in our midst. How might carve our more time to take time to be still and let God love us so that we might arise renewed with hope for the power of God to work in our lives in this coming year.

I am an extravert and this sometimes makes it hard for me to sit in the stillness but when I can quiet my mind and thoughts the Holy Spirit speaks life into me. Sometimes that is through a scripture or devotional I am reading or sometimes it is when I simply sit in the quiet and look at the fire going in the fireplace and experience the peace and calm in my home.

You see God is always near, ready to bring his presence of grace and love to each of us. It is my hope for each of us in this new year that we might make time to sit in the silence and experience the amazing presence of God with us.

Blessings, Pastor Carol

PS: As I opened my Bible in my desk at home today I found this bookmark that encourages us to be still and I hope the words on it are meaningful for you. The bookmark reads like this;

Be Silent. Be Still. Alone

Empty before your God

Say Nothing. Ask Nothing

Be Silent. Be Still.

Let your God look upon you. That is all.

He Knows. He Understands. He loves you with an enormous love.

He only wants to look upon you with his love.

Quiet... Still ... Be...

Let your God love you.

May the year of 2026 be a blessing for you!

Monthly Finance Reports:

		NOVEMBER			
St. Peter Lutheran Church Delphos, Ohio		MONTH	MONTH	YTD	YTD
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
		2025	2024	2025	2024
1	TOTAL PASTOR	6,219.92	9,216.92	76,032.13	73,063.11
2	TOTAL WORSHIP	891.14	636.32	11,941.37	11,716.11
3	TOTAL CONVENTIONS				
4	TOTAL TEACHING				475.00
5	TOTAL OFFICE	2,514.78	2,046.25	15,448.21	14,668.46
6	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	1,550.24	9,614.07	11,580.77	41,641.79
7	TOTAL UTILITIES	291.08	264.69	10,396.40	8,054.71
8	TOTAL INS & TAXES	1,570.62	1,370.00	8,866.09	8,025.54
9	TOTAL OTHER				
	SUB TOT-EXPENDITURE	13,037.78	23,148.25	134,264.97	157,644.72
10	TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	1,016.62	262.49	4,073.44	8,208.12
	TOTAL SECONDARY ACCT	25.00	740.00	34,349.98	13,306.94
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	14,079.40	24,150.74	172,688.39	179,159.78
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,222.10	10,739.19	166,010.96	150,654.80
	TRANSFER - IN				
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	14,079.40	24,150.74	172,688.39	179,159.78
	EXCESS or DEFICIT	-3,857.30	-13,411.55	-6,677.63	-28,691.98
	BEGINNING CASH	-2,820.33	-15,280.43		
	ADD RECEIPTS	10,222.10	10,739.19		
	LESS PAYMENTS	14,079.40	24,150.74		
	ENDING CASH	-6,677.63	-28,691.98		

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>

2026 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up at the back of church. Thank you for supporting St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Maintenance:

Due to our ongoing problem with the weathering and the security issues of our sanctuary doors, we are looking at the replacement of them in which our early estimated range of cost is quoted at \$12,000.00-\$15,000.00. We are also looking at making the center doors more handicapped accessible. That too, is costly with preliminary estimates in the \$11,000.00 range. This is needed to allow these doors to open out with electronic handicap buttons. This is a part of phase 2 that we said we would be addressing after we got the sign up and running. More information will be forthcoming.

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, January 11th. This month we will be studying the Lord's Prayer.

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.

Mark your calendars for January 18th to attend a special birthday celebration for all of us! We will have cake and cupcakes for each month of the year. We will gather & celebrate, eat cake, and fellowship.

Council meeting after church on Sunday, January 11th

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 December by:

- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Deb Trentman in memory of Bob Trentman

Flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God on Christmas Eve by:

Bob and Denise Kloeppel, in honor of our children and grandchildren and in memory of Harry & Pat Dunlap and Melvin & Alma Kloeppel

Dave and Rhonda Blockberger, in memory of Rolland & Irene Blockberger and Ronald & Marilyn Utrup

David Blockberger and Denise Lindeman, in memory of Debra Blockberger

Ron and Sue Kloeppel, in loving memory of our parents

Dave Mayer, in memory of Norm & Alice Mayer and Linda Mayer

Linda Downey, in memory of Caleb Tyler

Rick and Lynn Miller, in honor of our children & grandchildren and in memory of our parents

Sue and Dan Rode, in memory of all the loved ones gone before us

Pastor Carol, in memory of her mother, Barbara Humphreys and her twin, Rick Humphreys

Larry and Amy Miller, in memory of Elmer & Margene Freund

Sam, Angie, and Sarah Miller, in memory of Nathan Miller, Vern & Jane Gonyea, Dan Gonyea and Jeff & Mary Miller

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, Jan. 4	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing Dan Marlow	Vicki Rinehart Donna Berger	Wyatt Kimmet	Kathy Stemen	Matt Calvelage	Roger Calvert Talan Siefker
Sunday, Jan. 11	10:00 AM	Rick Dienstberger Ryan Trentman	Vicki Rinehart Donna Berger	Charlotte Koebel	Dave Stemen	Dave Mayer	Ally Hasting Jim Hasting
Sunday, Jan. 18	10:00 AM	Sue Kloeppel Deb Trentman	Vicki Rinehart Donna Berger	Kayleigh Rode	Ryan Trentman	Dan Kramer	Ally Hasting Jim Hasting
Sunday, Jan. 25	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing Dan Marlow	Vicki Rinehart Donna Berger	Austin Munshower	Jenny Snipes	Alan Trentman	Ally Hasting Jim Hasting
Sunday, Feb. 1	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman Lynn Miller	Vicki Rinehart Lauren Trentman	Caleb Trentman	Alan Trentman	Dan Kramer	

January 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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| 4) Ryan Trentman | 27) Carrie Geise |
| 7) Kaiden Trentman | 29) Colin Koebel |
| 7) Charlotte Birkmeier | 29) Dave Mayer |
| 12) Sarah Fitch | 29) Sue Rode |
| 12) Kyle Rode | 31) Kim Perrin |
| 16) Carrie Calvelage | |
| 22) Landon Calvelage | |
| 23) Randy Rinehart | |

THIS YEAR:  MY NAME:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!
2 Corinthians 5:17

 I will spread **kindness** by _____

I will help my **family** this year by 

Throughout the year, I will **pray** for... 

MY BEST MEMORY FROM LAST YEAR:

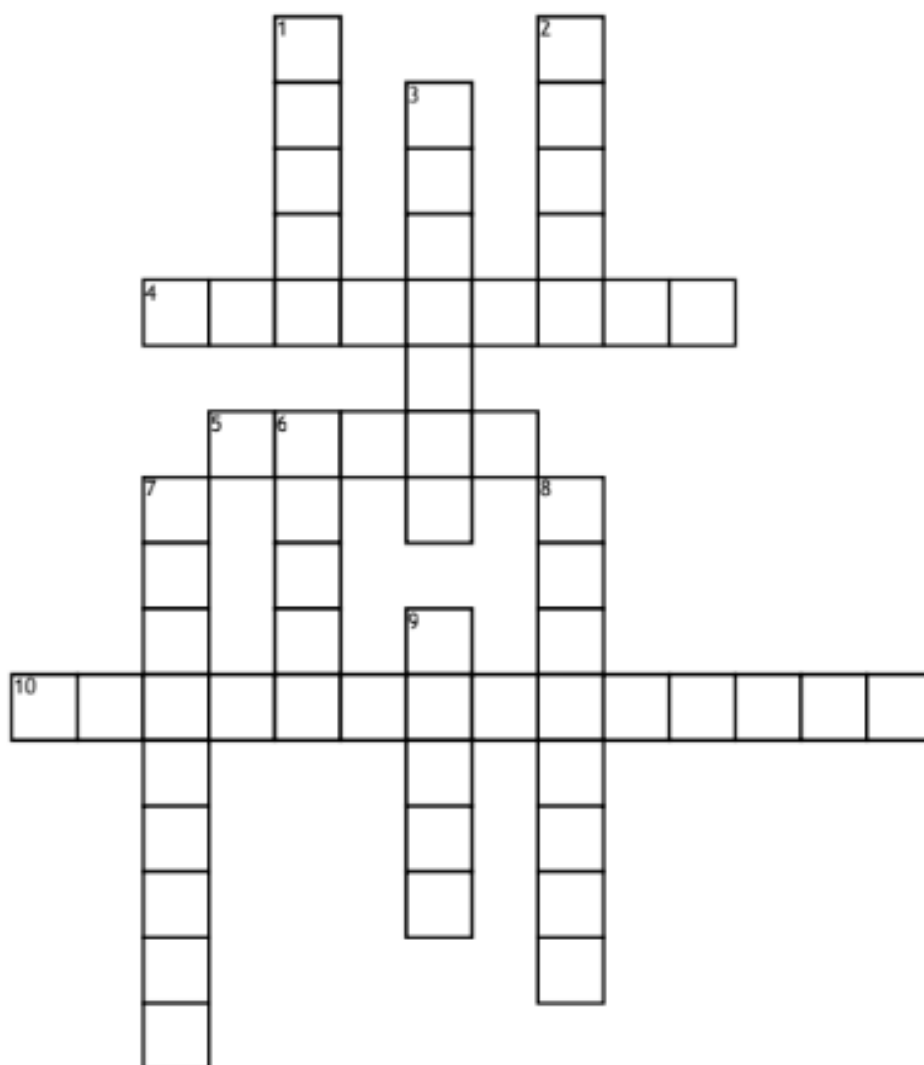
I will learn more about **God** by _____

WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE NEW YEAR:



DRAW YOUR HAPPY NEW YEAR SELFIE!

Christmas and Beyond



Across

4. Jesus calls _____ to follow him

5. Jesus said he would build his church upon this man.

10. Jesus' cousin was this person

Down

1. Three _____ bring gifts to Jesus.

2. A _____ warns Joseph to flee with Mary and Jesus.

3. Nazareth was in the region of this.

6. They flee to _____.

7. The boys that were killed lived in this city.

8. Jesus grows up in this town.

9. _____ kills all the boys age two and under.

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1 	2	3
4 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM Council Mtg Catechism 1:00-3:00	12 Anxiety & Depression Workshop 6:30-8:00	13	14	15 GriefShare 6:30-8:00 PM	16	17
18 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM Fellowship Birthday Celebraton	19 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> Anxiety & Depression Workshop 6:30-8:00	20	21	22 Griefshare 6:30-8:00 PM	23	24
25 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	26	27	28	29 GriefShare 6:30-8:00 PM	30	31