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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 – May 2025

A Little Bit of This and That for May 2025...

Alleluia, Christ has Risen!!! Yes, the six-week season of Easter has arrived and we have much to celebrate. Because Jesus rose from the dead, conquered death and now reigns as our Lord, we can celebrate what Jesus has done for each of us.

Because of Jesus, we have forgiveness and are made new. We are grafted into the vine of God's people. This is no small thing.

The branches and fruit of the vine only survive as they are nourished by the strongly rooted vine. The power of Jesus as the vine gives us a firm foundation to grow in faith.

This is what I see happening at St. Peter. Jesus is growing us into a body of Christ that is well rooted in his love and grace as we worship and grow our faith in Jesus.

Did you know that we had 173 people in worship on Easter. That is amazing! Did you feel the spirit at work knitting us together to be the light of Christ out in the world? I did and I am excited about what Jesus is doing in our midst. As we move into this church season of Easter, we will see how Jesus appeared to Cleopas and his companion on the Road to Emmaus as well as to the disciples. Jesus was at work after his resurrection to prepare the fertile soil for the coming of the Holy Spirit in power so the Word of Christ as our Risen Savior could be shared throughout the World.

The time of waiting and preparation was important to provide sustenance, hope and resolve in the disciples to continue to follow Jesus. In this "*Year of Listening*" we are invited to wait patiently and to listen to the words of Jesus in our everyday lives. We are called to ponder the wonder of what Jesus did for us on the cross and to pray to be open to the work of Jesus in each of our lives. May you be nourished by the vine during this precious Easter Season!

May we invite others to grow with us in this deep abiding love of Christ!
Love, Pastor Carol



Summer Church Services:

Please note that the church times for Sunday, May 25th change to **9:00 AM on Memorial Day weekend** and will run through Labor Day weekend.

Wednesday Evening Services begin on May 21st.

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Outback behind the sanctuary

Bring: Your lawn chair

You may even enjoy inviting a friend to experience this informal setting for worship.



This is our last Messenger to be bulk mailed out to everyone. We will be sending it first class to those who do not use email.

We will provide printed copies at the back of the sanctuary and email everyone on our email list.

(Please update your email address with us if you have not done so at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com.)

You can also access our monthly newsletter on our website at stpeterdelphos.org

Thank you for your patience as we transfer to a new way of delivering the newsletter each month!

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

IROR News:

May Charity: Lima Rescue Mission – Located in Lima since 1906, the Men's Ministry provides basic services of: overnight shelter, day shelter for inclement weather, meals served daily, clothing distribution, discipleship classes, daily chapel services, and group bible study.



We will be collecting items from their **Wish List** to stock their pantry: Cereal, instant coffee, canned beef and chicken, rotini pasta, egg noodles, hot sauce, 12 oz foam cups, and napkins

All donations are collected in the gray basket at the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers & donations in helping those in need!

General Announcements

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

- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- Deb Trentman and family in memory of Bob Trentman
- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

The Flowers and palms on the altar were given to the glory of God by St. Peter's Altar Guild in celebration of our risen Lord this Easter Season.

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Monthly Finance Report:

CHURCH NEWS:

The 2025 Radio Ministry

The sign up sheet is at the back of church to sign up for the 2025 church year. The cost per week to broadcast on the radio is \$60.00.

The 2025 flower chart is also posted in the hallway for anyone wanting to sign up for flowers on the altar for a specific Sunday.

It is very easy to use our Vanco (Tithley link) to set up payment for the service or you may write a check too. You can follow the link listed below to securely submit a payment for *radio ministry*. You will still need to call or email Lauren to let her know which service you are sponsoring as well as to let her know the wording you would like in the bulletin. You may also sign up in the red notebook at the back of the sanctuary. <http://www.stpeterdelphos.org/giving-2/>
Thank you for supporting this very important ministry.

Thrivent News: For those of you who have investments or life insurance policies through Thrivent, there may be opportunities for you to direct Choice Dollars to our church by logging onto your account at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice . If you have funds available, they allow you to choose an organization for which to designate.

The next WELCA meeting will be on May 12th at 6:00 PM.

Mother's Day and Graduation Sunday will be on May 11th.

Confirmation Sunday for Jason St. Pierre will be on May 25th.

Catechism:

In April, we focused on getting a Biblical Historical overview of the patriarchs of the Old Testament and the meaning of the Passover that was established after Moses led the people out of Egypt. The students then discussed with Pastor Carol how our Holy Week related to the Passover. We discussed how Jesus was making a new covenant by his sacrifice on the cross and that the commandment to take bread and wine in communion to receive Jesus in this sacrament was important in our faith. We receive Jesus in the bread and wine and we receive forgiveness. Holy Communion is one of two sacraments in the Lutheran Church. Baptism is the other. The students and their parents also had a fun time making crosses out of the Palm Sunday palms.

Next Meeting Day?

Mothers' Day is the Sunday we would normally meet in May, so Pastor Carol will be checking with parents to find a different Sunday in May to celebrate our year of working together and recap the important learning concepts that we focused on this year. Parents and students, stay tuned for the date and time.



Celebrating our 2025 Graduates!

We will honor all of our graduates on May 11th

Please pray for all of our graduates as they finish up and prepare to move on to the next phase of their journey in life. May God bless each of them.

We have two High School Seniors graduating this year.

Sam Hasting (Delphos Jefferson) and Garrett Trentman (Ottoville High School)

College and Post College Graduates:

Emily Dienstberger, Anna Fitch, Kaiden Trentman, and Lauren Hermiller

New Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church:



Carolyn Dunlap and Kathy Stemen have expressed interest in becoming a member of St. Peter. They will be joining the congregation on April 27th. Both Carolyn and Kathy are active in the Wednesday afternoon prayer group. Both are also longtime residents of Delphos. We look forward to growing our faith in Jesus as we journey together with them to love and serve others. Welcome!

May Birthdays – if we do not have your birthday listed, please contact Lauren to get your name on the list to recognize your special day.



3) Kevin Brinkman

3) Lillyan Ketcham

5) Kathy Wortman

10) Matt Mayer

11) Kathy Nighswander

18) Sarah Miller

17) Roger Calvert

19) Ryan Rinehart

21) Maliya Hershberger

22) Evelyn Kloeppel

23) Shelly Hasting

27) Chuck Peters

30) Vicki Gossman



First Communion:

On Palm Sunday we welcomed five young people to the Lord's table. Pictured below are Will, Wyatt, Austin, Olivia and Roy. It is our prayer that communion always be a very special time to come to Jesus as a beggar to receive Jesus' body and blood, presence and a deeper forgiveness.



Easter Preparations: A special thank you to Angie and the altar guild for all of their work during Holy Week to change the paraments and set up the church for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Pictured below are altar guild members who set up the sanctuary for our Easter services; Angie, Sarah (Colin came along to help.) Donna, and Sue. Thank you! The sanctuary was beautiful!



Easter Morning:

Breakfast Between Services: Thank you to the council for fixing a delicious breakfast of sausage, fruit, and pancakes! The turnout for breakfast was wonderful as well as the fellowship. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt: The young adults hid several hundred Easter Eggs and at 9:00am, the young children were raring to go. There was such enthusiasm and joy as the kids ran around the back area of the church yard to find the many eggs. It seems that Twix and mini Reese Cups were hits of the day. yum!





To view the monthly church calendar
and the Servants of the Lord,
click on the link under the section labeled
Monthly Church Calendars.

Contact Lauren in the office if you would like a copy printed.

Hey, parents!

Save the Dates!

VBS 2025
July 6-10th

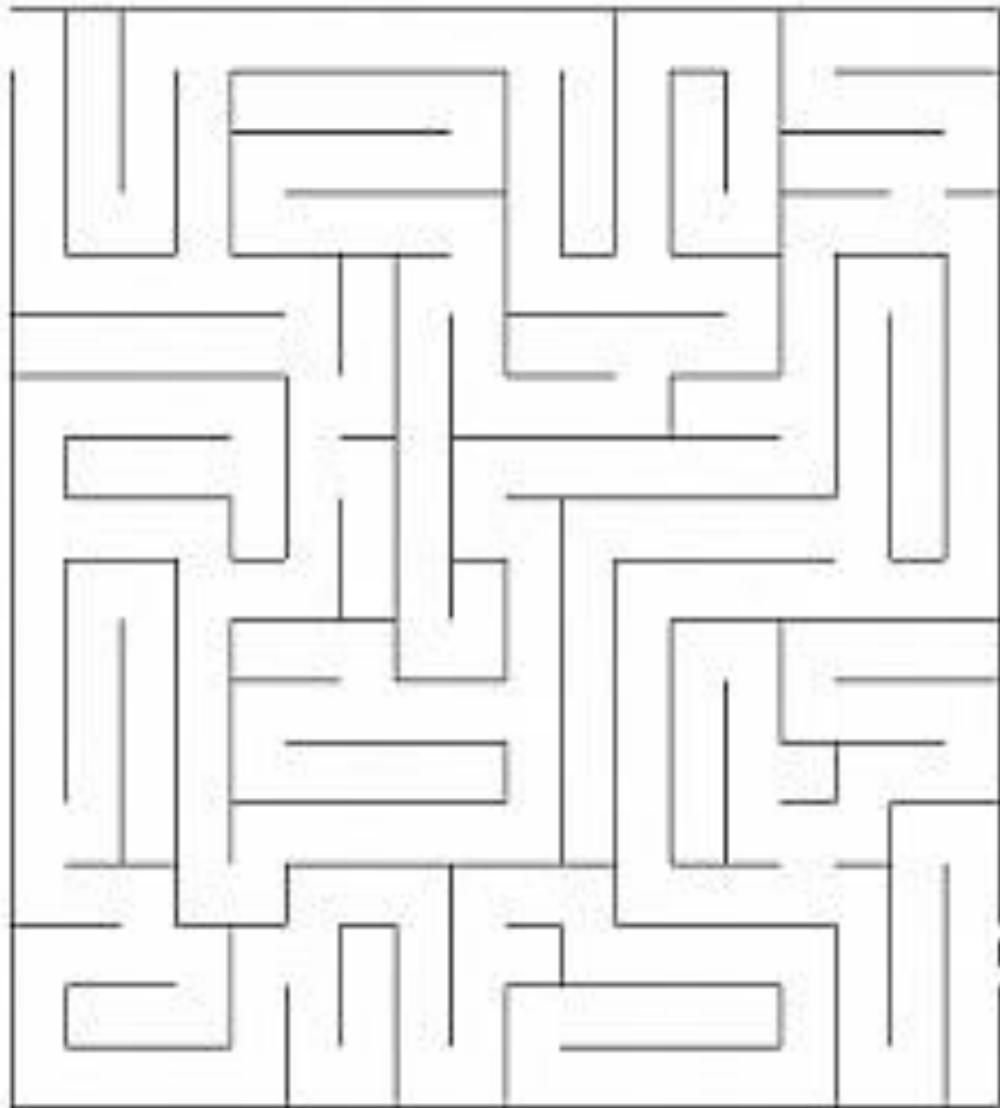
More
information
coming soon!

It's going to be WILD!

Delphos St. Peter Lutheran Church
&
Delphos Trinity Methodist Church

Adventure Awaits!

Children's Activity Page



Emmaus

Name: _____

Date: _____

Season of Easter

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Waiting

Appeared

Vanished

Upper Room

Fish

Bread

Road to Emmaus

Jesus

Empty Tomb

Mary Magdalene

Resurrection

Cleopas