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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.*

**November Newsletter Deadline: Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

# The Messenger



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## St. Peter Lutheran Church – October 2025

### A Little Bit of This and That for October...

Dear People of God,

It seems that over the summer we are a very scattered and busy group of people. Vacations, camping and the hecticness of fitting everything into the summer seems to make it more difficult to worship together. I have missed many of you who have been gone and I am excited about how we will come back together as we begin to settle into our Fall routines.

The pork loin dinner will be hosted on **October 5**, and so many will volunteer to help out. I love the fellowship that happens as we all work together to make a successful dinner for the community. Remember, **worship** will be at **9:00am** this day in order to prepare for the dinner.

Then on the **12<sup>th</sup> of October**, Sunday School will start up again. This year, Matt and Kevin Weitzel have volunteered to cook **breakfast** of pancakes, bacon and eggs as a welcome back to Sunday School. Time: **8:15-8:45am** so that we can then participate in Sunday School. InReach/OutReach will be assisting them. This is a great time to invite a friend to come with you. We all like to be fed and then you and your friend can feast on the Word of God.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> we go back to our 10:00 AM time for worship and will keep that time until Memorial Day Weekend when we change it back to 9:00 AM. We will again be worshipping all together in the sanctuary and the rhythm of being the church together will resume.

I want to encourage you though, to get involved in new ways. Have you tried adult Sunday school? Dave Stemen usually uses a short video series to help us learn together and then the following dialogue we have is rich. This is open to those in high school and above. I want to encourage you to come to this at 9:00 as this is a place where we can truly grow our faith together.

Catechism will begin on October 12<sup>th</sup>, and this is for students in grades 6-8. Since we meet monthly, I have changed the format to have a parent or grandparent present to be a part of the learning process. Parents and grandparents really have the most impact on how their children will live out their faith and therefore will have opportunities to further impact their child. We will meet from 1-3 pm on the second Sunday of each month. I am looking to start a small group to read the book, Living the Six Marks of Discipleship, **Real Faith for Real Life**, by Michael W. Foss. This book is challenging how we think of being a member of the church to moving us into being first and foremost disciples of Jesus Christ.

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he gave his disciples what we call the Great Commission in Matthew 28. He told his disciples that all authority on heaven and on earth was given to him and therefore, they were to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and to teach them to obey everything that Jesus taught them. They were also to remember that he would be with them always (Matthew 28:18-20).

In Foss's book, he writes about six marks or habits that change us from being just members to being disciples. I have been challenged by this book and am hoping that we could wrestle with his encouragement to go deeper in faith to live our faith as disciples. There are wonderful discussion questions.

Would some of you be open to meeting one time a week for 8 weeks to discuss this book with me? We could meet at a restaurant for dinner and discuss what we have read over a meal or we can choose another option. If you are interested in being part of this book discussion, text me at 419-512-4490 and we will talk. Young people, (ages 16-30) I have been praying about how we engage you in fellowship and worship. When you are not present, we miss you. You are an important part of this worshipping body of Christ. Would you be willing to come to worship on October 19 and then stay for pizza to brainstorm some ways to meet you on your faith journeys? I will be calling and or texting you to see if you are able to come.

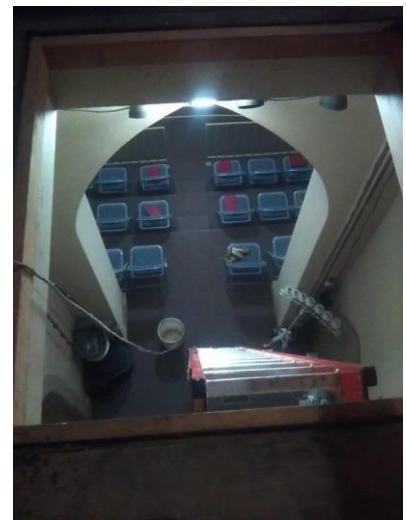
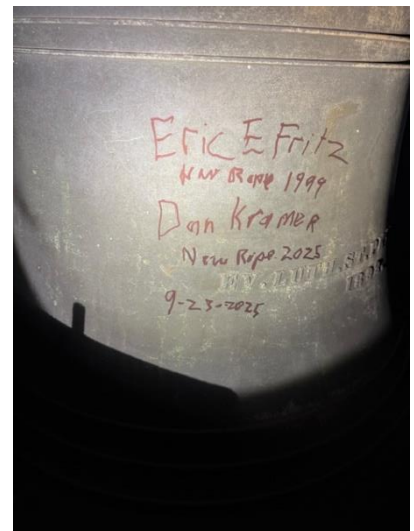
As we start our fall activities, I want to thank all who volunteer their time to help make St. Peter Lutheran Church such a wonderful place to gather, worship and grow our faith in Jesus. To our Sunday school teachers, altar guild, WELCA, prayer group, InReach/OutReach, lay readers, ushers, acolytes, communion assistants, livestream people, worship and music team, and council members, I say thank you. I also want to give a special thanks to our paid staff of Lauren, our office administrator, Randy our custodian, and Emily, our organist. You are all such a blessing and we do not always thank you enough.

*I am looking forward to another great year to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others.*  
Love, Pastor Carol

### **The Church Bell is Now Working!!!**



A big thank you to Dan Kramer and Eric Fritz!!! See the pictures of the bell tower and Eric's special signature on the bell. Eric actually signed his name along with Dan's and the date on the bell.



**Paint and Praise was held September 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
We had a great time painting scarecrows!



**Narrative Lectionary Focus for October:**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** We hear the call of Moses to go and lead the people out of Egypt. In the gospel, Jesus speaks of his knowledge of knowing Abraham before he came to earth as the Son of God.

**October 12<sup>th</sup>:** We hear the call story of Samuel who will guide the nation of Israel until the time they call their first King, Saul. In the gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples after he is resurrected.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>:** God calls David to be the second King of Israel. In the gospel, Jesus is questioned about how he knows so much when he has never been taught.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>:** We hear about Solomon's Temple. In all its glory, it does not compare to the majesty of God's heart. In the gospel, Jesus tells the people that if they destroy the temple, he will build it up in three days.

**Talents and Gifts Sunday on October 26<sup>th</sup>:**

The Stewardship Team headed up by Ron Kloeppel with Melissa and Ryan Trentman, Dave Mayer, Rick and Lynn Miller, Pastor Carol, and Sue Kloeppel will be hosting our annual day to pledge financial support for the 2026 ministry operation of the church. The focus will be for us to pray to God about what God would have us give financially to the church as well as how we use our individual talents to further the ministry of the church. Denise Kloeppel will be the only one to see the pledge cards as a separate card will be used for our willingness to serve using our talents. She will take the pledge cards home to tally the results and then on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a potluck lunch** after church to celebrate the results of our gifts and talents pledges.

The stewardship team is so thankful to all of you for how faithfully you support the ministry of the church. We are church together and it takes all of us to continue to use our gifts and talents to further the work of the gospel in our midst. We hope that you will all mark your calendar to be present on **October 26 and November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**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.

**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>

**Monthly Finance Reports:**

|                                            |                      | AUGUST          |                 |               |               |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| St. Peter Lutheran Church<br>Delphos, Ohio |                      | MONTH<br>ACTUAL | MONTH<br>ACTUAL | YTD<br>ACTUAL | YTD<br>ACTUAL |
|                                            |                      | 2025            | 2024            | 2025          | 2024          |
| 1                                          | TOTAL PASTOR         | 8,188.01        | 7,683.74        | 56,311.68     | 51,401.72     |
| 2                                          | TOTAL WORSHIP        | 1,414.69        | 1,089.10        | 8,796.37      | 8,560.79      |
| 3                                          | TOTAL CONVENTIONS    |                 |                 |               |               |
| 4                                          | TOTAL TEACHING       |                 | -               |               | 475.00        |
| 5                                          | TOTAL OFFICE         | 1,439.43        | 1,465.67        | 10,533.75     | 10,805.89     |
| 6                                          | TOTAL MAINTENANCE    | 564.51          | 22,864.51       | 8,235.26      | 28,130.79     |
| 7                                          | TOTAL UTILITIES      | 666.95          | 649.04          | 8,357.21      | 6,800.00      |
| 8                                          | TOTAL INS & TAXES    | 1,581.24        | 1,484.37        | 6,465.58      | 5,881.68      |
| 9                                          | TOTAL OTHER          |                 |                 |               |               |
|                                            | SUB TOT-EXPENDITURE  | 13,854.83       | 35,236.43       | 98,699.85     | 112,055.87    |
| 10                                         | TOTAL BENEVOLENCE    | 312.34          | 271.58          | 2,721.10      | 7,133.12      |
|                                            | TOTAL SECONDARY ACCT | 300.00          | 2,559.59        | 24,174.36     | 7,002.41      |
|                                            | TOTAL PAYMENTS       | 14,467.17       | 38,067.60       | 125,595.31    | 126,191.40    |
|                                            |                      |                 |                 |               |               |
|                                            | TOTAL RECEIPTS       | 9,107.11        | 13,453.96       | 115,316.74    | 103,553.71    |
|                                            | TRANSFER - IN        | -               | -               |               |               |
|                                            | TOTAL PAYMENTS       | 14,467.17       | 38,067.60       | 125,595.31    | 126,191.40    |
|                                            | EXCESS or DEFICIT    | -5,360.06       | -24,613.64      | -10,278.57    | -22,637.69    |
|                                            |                      |                 |                 |               |               |
|                                            | BEGINNING CASH       | -4,918.51       | 1,975.95        |               |               |
|                                            | ADD RECEIPTS         | 9,107.11        | 13,453.96       |               |               |
|                                            | LESS PAYMENTS        | 14,467.17       | 38,067.60       |               |               |
|                                            |                      |                 |                 |               |               |
|                                            | ENDING CASH          | -10,278.57      | -22,637.69      |               |               |

## Upcoming events at St. Peter Lutheran Church!



**SAVE the DATE:** Sunday School will kick off on **October 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Class*



**Catechism for our children entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades** will begin on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 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!



### **Join us for a fellowship breakfast:**

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## 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 September by:

- Dave Stemen in memory of Connie Stemen
- Ron and Sue Kloeppel in celebration of their 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in honor of their children.
- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

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

- The new Mr. & Mrs. Chandler and Kyrstin Skym in celebration of their wedding on September 6<sup>th</sup>
- Lynn and Yvonne Koenig in celebration of the Koenig, Harman, and Buchholz fall anniversaries

**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 5<sup>th</sup>.***

It is that time of year again for our 15<sup>th</sup> annual pork loin dinner which will be held on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. 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! 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](mailto:stpeterdelphos@gmail.com). Thank you!



**People are needed to sign-up to bring goodies in for fellowship time in the Parish Hall after worship:**

We are asking different members to come and fellowship after church and need baked goods. Would you be willing to bake or purchase something for this special time to connect with your brothers and sisters in Christ? Sign up posted on bulletin board in Parish Hall.

**Greeters:**

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.

In the month of October: Oct. 5 and 12 : Ally Hasting

October 19 and 26: Rick and Lynn Miller

In the month of November: Charlotte Birkmeier and Sue Rode

In the month of December: ??? Are you interested in helping out for this? If so, let Pastor Carol or Lauren know

**InReach/Outreach met to discuss ways to help several families and to talk about upcoming events:**

We want to provide a special family passes to the Columbus Zoo for several families in Delphos who have children fighting leukemia. This may provide a special time for the family to connect during this difficult time.

We have collected \$180.00 for Stella Wrasman (who is being treated for leukemia) to make up a special activity basket for her to look forward to using. Sarah Miller will be in charge of purchasing things for it. Sarah is also thinking about dress up clothes and hats. If you would like to contribute more to this you may call her at 419-204-3222 to coordinate what is purchased.

Any other funds that we collect for Stella will go toward expenses for travel and deductibles etc. Stella is the granddaughter of Eric and Gina Fritz and daughter of Kylie and Luke Wrasman. We will have envelopes in the pews or you can give to InReach/OutReach through Vanco on line. This is a secure link  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8NS/home>

**Are you between the ages of 16-30? Are you hungry?**

You are invited to connect at Jim's Restaurant for breakfast at 9:00 AM on the second Saturday of the month for a time to connect, eat, and discuss a short Bible passage. This will begin the second Saturday in November. Come enjoy the fellowship and a chance to grow our faith together. If you have questions, contact Pastor Carol at 419-512-4490.



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

2) Shirley Ditto

6) Olivia Rode

7) Paige Kloeppel

7) Barb Krueckeberg

8) Randall Klenz

10) Jaxon Prine

13) Rick Dienstberger

17) Noella Brinkman

17) Megan Weitzel

17) Andrew Swick

20) Robb Rinehart

20) Pastor Carol Pretorius

22) Hunter Lane

24) Michelle Kimmitt

30) Andrew Fitch

30) Ron Kloeppel



| SERVICE         | TIME           | MONEY COUNTERS                     | ALTAR GUILD                   | ACOLYTES       | COMMUNION      | USHER          | GREETERS                   |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday, Oct. 5  | <b>9:00 AM</b> | Alan Trentman<br>Rick Dienstberger | Sue Rode<br>Lauren Trentman   | Roy Trentman   | Alan Trentman  | Ryan Trentman  | Ally Hasting               |
| Sunday, Oct. 12 | 10:00 AM       | Dan Marlow<br>Ryan Trentman        | Sue Rode<br>Lauren Trentman   | Wyatt Kimmitt  | Dave Stemen    | Aaron Trentman | Ally Hasting               |
| Sunday, Oct. 19 | 10:00 AM       | Sue Kloeppel<br>Dan Marlow         | Sue Rode<br>Lauren Trentman   | Kayleigh Rode  | Jenny Snipes   | Dan Kramer     | Rick & Lynn Miller         |
| Sunday, Oct. 26 | 10:00 AM       | Larry Miller<br>Deb Trentman       | Sue Rode<br>Lauren Trentman   | Olivia Rode    | Larry Miller   | Dave Mayer     | Rick & Lynn Miller         |
| Sunday, Nov. 2  | 10:00 AM       | Alan Trentman<br>Rick Dienstberger | Sue Rode<br>Jennifer Trentman | Alayna Beverly | Aaron Trentman | Alan Trentman  | Char Birkmeier<br>Sue Rode |

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 2025

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Coffee Cup Bible  
Study

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9:00 AM worship  
Pork Loin Dinner  
11:00-1:00

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Prayer Group

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Breakfast 8:15-8:45  
Sun. School 9 AM  
Worship 10 AM  
Catechism

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WELCA Meeting  
6:00 PM*Columbus Day*

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Anxiety Retreat

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Anxiety Retreat

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Anxiety Retreat

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Coffee Cup Bible  
Study

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Worship 10 AM  
Sun. School 9 AM

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Prayer Group

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Worship 10 AM  
Sun. School 9 AM*\*Parish Hall rented*

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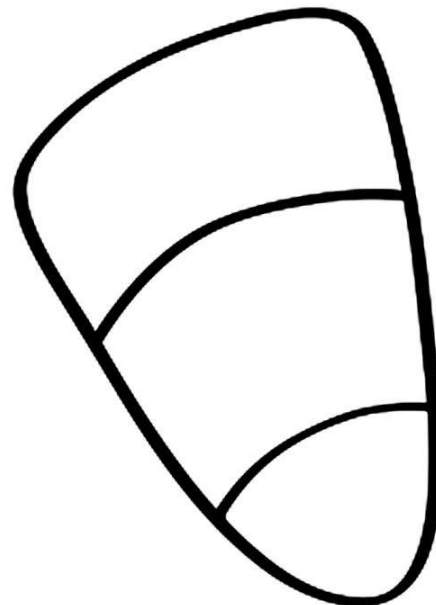
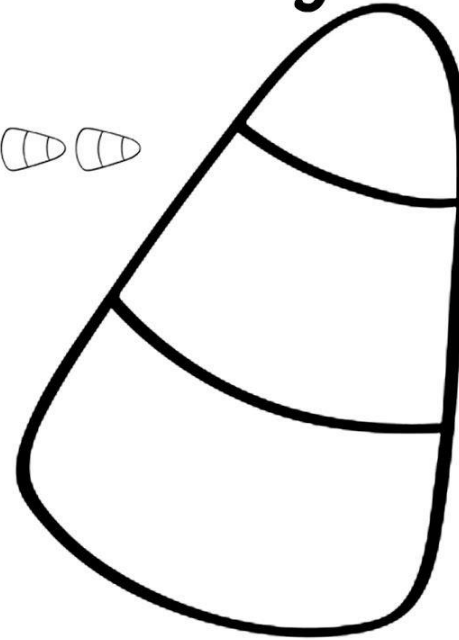
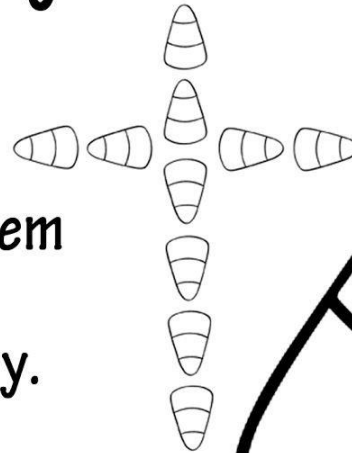
# Count your Blessings

**A**nd

**N**ame them

**D**ay by day.

**Y**ou'll be reminded



**G**hrist Jesus' love

**O**verflows to you,

**R**ight now, in

**N**early every way.