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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 – October 2026

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

As I sit down to write, I have just returned from my four-day quasi silent retreat in the mountains of Pennsylvania where I have been gathering since the fall of 2023 almost twice a year with Pastor Steve Nelson and other clergy and lay people who practice praying together early in the morning, at noon, in the afternoon, and in the evening. Two other times we gather to read a chosen theological study, scriptures, or book to reflect upon as a group. The other times of the day are to be spent in silence as we spend time with God. We even are to eat in silence.

The set routine for our days is often challenging for me as I am an extravert, who expresses my faith through joy, singing and connecting with people. This slow down, quiet, introverted, focus with the same worship liturgy each time (which is a version I do not really like) is sometimes hard for me – but also very good.

Each year that I have gone, God has spoken to me in the silence. Words rise from my spirit, and songs begin to be borne. This year was no different. What is it about the mountains of Camp Sequanota that have created this special space for me to hear the spirit of God sing new songs into my heart?

Is it that in obedience, I come and make space to listen? Is it that I set aside the time and God honors that? Or is it that my mother was a poet, and my two grandmothers were artistic and there is just a little bit of that artistic nature in me longing to be unleashed? When I create space new life bubbles forth.

As I ponder this, I think that this is the way it is with God. When we create space in our lives to get quiet, to be with God and not just do, do, do, God can speak to us in new ways. In Psalm 23 we are reminded that God leads us beside quiet waters and it is there that He restores our souls.

If you have not taken time to get alone with God, I encourage you to take some time this October. Take some time to go for a walk. Sit and marvel at the Fall leaves. Take time to sit and ask God what God would like to say to you, and you just might be amazed at what you hear God whisper back to you.

May you be blessed.

Pastor Carol

TALENTS AND GIFTS SUNDAY

As we turn our calendars to October, it is that time of the year we begin to talk and pray about Talents and Gifts Sunday.

This is going to be our 5th year, which started out as Stewardship and Consecration Sunday. Thus far, the members of St Peter Lutheran Church have been very, very faithful in their pledges, and their giving. And from the Committee, we want to give you a huge Thank You for being so generous with your giving. St Peter has been very blessed over the years to have such faithful members. In the 4 years of reporting of the giving, we have seen an increase of overall giving in 3 of the 4 years, and an increase in all 4 years of the giving from members not using pledge cards, a percentage of a 48.5% increase. This is such a great story and I wanted to share this with each and everyone.

Another great story is the total giving as of 7/31/2026. We have seen a total of \$78,220 in giving. The anticipated total income for 2026 is \$166,160 which means we have received 47% of the total anticipated income. This percentage has run between 47% and 48.4% in the past several years. A big Thank You to the Members, as this reaffirms to commitment of consistent giving.

We also want to thank everyone for using their talents to help in the ministry of our church. It takes all of us working together, listening to the call of God in our lives to use our talents in a way that glorifies God. Our Gifts and Talents Sunday, helps us to gain a better picture of who might want to join various different groups in serving or even create a new venture in serving God and the ministry of St. Peter.

For our 5th year kickoff to the 2027 Talent and Gifts Sunday, a sermon will be given by Pastor Carol on October 18 on the positives and the benefits of Stewardship and Talents and Gifts. Pledge Cards and Talents and Gift Cards will be distributed on October 25, filled out by each family or giving unit, and put into a sealed envelope for confidentiality. Denise Kloeppel will then go through the Pledge Cards with the results reported to the Congregation on November 1, along with a soup luncheon potluck following Church on November 1. The soup will be provided and will consist of Chicken Noodle and Chili.

As in the past, the Pledge Cards will be treated with high confidentiality. This is a commitment between you and God, and the pledges will be between you and God. Prayerfully consider what God is asking you to do for the Church to keep St Peter a strong congregation.

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The Stewardship Committee.

Monthly Finance Reports:

Month: August 2026	Month Actual 2026	Month Actual 2025	YTD Actual 2026	YTD Actual 2025
Total Pastor	\$ 6,897.64	\$ 8,188.01	\$ 60,073.28	\$ 56,311.68
Total Worship	\$ 842.31	\$ 1,414.69	\$ 9,124.21	\$ 8,796.37
Total Teaching			\$ 425.00	
Total Office	\$ 1,132.51	\$ 1,439.43	\$ 11,119.67	\$ 10,533.75
Total Maintenance	\$ 410.60	\$ 564.51	\$ 17,887.20	\$ 8,235.26
Total Utilities	\$ 569.75	\$ 666.95	\$ 8,267.75	\$ 8,357.21
Total Insurance & Taxes	\$ 1,792.37	\$ 1,581.24	\$ 7,022.70	\$ 6,465.58
Total Other				
Subtotal Expenditures	\$ 11,645.18	\$ 13,854.83	\$ 113,919.81	\$ 98,699.85
Total Benevolence	\$ 577.74	\$ 312.34	\$ 4,666.74	\$ 2,721.10
Total Secondary Acct	\$ 5,553.71	\$ 300.00	\$ 10,262.93	\$ 24,174.36
Total Payments	\$ 17,776.63	\$ 14,467.17	\$ 128,849.48	\$ 125,595.31
Total Receipts	\$ 10,730.21	\$ 9,107.11	\$ 145,988.32	\$ 115,316.74
Total Payments	\$ 17,776.63	\$ 14,467.17	\$ 128,849.48	\$ 125,595.31
Excess or Deficit	\$ (7,046.42)	\$ (5,360.06)	\$ 17,138.84	\$ (10,278.57)
Beginning Cash	\$ 24,185.26	\$ (4,918.51)		
Add Receipts	\$ 10,730.21	\$ 9,107.11		
Less Payments	\$ 17,776.63	\$ 14,467.17		
Ending Cash	\$ 17,138.84	\$ (10,278.57)		
Note: Primerica investment for \$35,138.38 was cashed in for church door replacement on June 16, 2026.				

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.

<http://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8NS/home>

Maintenance:

The new doors have been installed. Moeller Doors spent a week installing the doors for the sanctuary, the front entrance where the glass doors are located, as well as installing a new side door in the parish hall. All of the doors have a new crash bar locking system that is easy to use.

The glass door entrance has handicap accessibility buttons that work 24/7 for the outside right door as you face the building but the new inside doors will only open with the handicap push button when they are unlocked. A special thank you to Dan Kramer for overseeing the project and making sure the finishing details are completed to satisfaction. Also, the old doors on either side of the sanctuary entrance storage areas are being replaced. Also, new center railing has been installed (which can be removed for funerals) at our sanctuary entrance. This has been installed as a way to give people extra balance in stepping down off of the last step and all are encouraged to use it



Upcoming events at St. Peter Lutheran Church!



SAVE the DATE: Sunday School will kick off on **October 4th 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

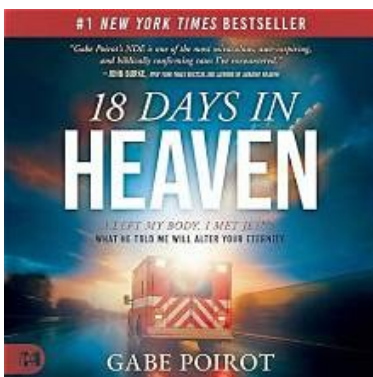


Catechism will begin the last Sunday in October. This year we will focus on the life of Jesus and work on faith development. We will also still be reviewing important church doctrines. Parents or grandparents are invited to be a part of catechism since we do not meet every week and parents play a key role in how children learn and carry on the faith in their lives moving forward.



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!



Evening Book Study Opportunity:

18 Days in Heaven by Gabe Poirot

Gabe had a head trauma injury in which he crushed his skull and spent 18 days in a coma and on life support and had an experience in which he left his body and went to heaven. The book is his account of what happened to him, his conversations with Jesus, and his account of what he felt Jesus wanted him to share with the world. His sharing is filled with scripture and an account of deep faith. We will read several chapters a week and have opportunities for rich discussion and Bible study of the passages he shares in the book.

I hope you will consider being a part of this 5 week study.

Weeks: Wednesday Evenings -- October 21, 28, November 4, 11, and December 2

4th Annual Women's Retreat to be held at Pastor Carol's Home:

Date: Saturday, October 24th

Where: 11659 Glynwood Road, Wapakoneta, Ohio

Time: Arrive between 9:00 – 9:30 AM and end around 3:00 PM

Bring: something of your choosing to share for lunch, She will have juice, coffee, and coffee cake for you when you arrive.

Last year, several people met in the parking lot at St. Peter at 8:00-8:15 to carpool. This is a fun day for fellowship, some study with Becky Walker, and a little time to do some crafts or sit and talk and fellowship with one another. There will be time to craft and just be together.

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 – Vancrest of Delphos

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 28th wedding anniversary and in honor of their children.
- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

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 11th.*

It is that time of year again for our 16th annual pork loin dinner which will be held on Sunday, October 11th. 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.

Are you looking for ways to serve in the church? Below are a couple ways to get involved.

Money Counters:

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!

Greeters and Ushers:

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. Ushers are also needed; this will include passing out bulletins and help with the offering. They also have an important role in welcoming others to worship. Would you consider being an usher?

Fellowship time after church -- We are asking for 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.

Communion:

Being a communion assistant is a special job to bless people with the blood and Christ during communion. It is humbling and yet very rewarding. Would you consider being a communion assistant?

If you willing to volunteer your gift of love and care to do any of these roles on Sunday morning, please let Pastor Carol or Lauren in the office know so we can get you on the schedule. If a date you are unavailable, please let Lauren know and she will help find a replacement for you. Thank you all for you help in the ministry of St. Peter Lutheran Church.



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

6) Olivia Rode
7) Paige Kloeppel
8) Randall Klenz
10) Jaxon Prine
13) Rick Dienstberger

17) Megan Weitzel
17) Andrew Swick
20) Robb Rinehart
20) Pastor Carol Pretorius

24) Michelle Kimmitt
30) Andrew Fitch
30) Ron Kloeppel



SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER	GREETERS
Sunday, Oct. 4	10:00 AM	Sue Kloeppel Lois Ewing	Sue Kloeppel Rhonda Blockberger	Olivia Rode	Jenny Snipes	Matt Weitzel	Rick Miller
Sunday, Oct. 11	9:00 AM	Dan Marlow Alan Trentman	Sue Kloeppel Rhonda Blockberger	Roy Trentman	Dave Stemen	Alan Trentman	Roger Calvert Patti Calvert
Sunday, Oct. 18	10:00 AM	Deb Trentman Lynn Miller	Sue Kloeppel Rhonda Blockberger	Alayna Beverly	Rick Miller	Dan Kramer	Rick Miller
Sunday, Oct. 25	10:00 AM	Sue Kloeppel Ryan Trentman	Sue Kloeppel Rhonda Blockberger	Austin Munshower	Matt Weitzel	Dave Mayer	Ally Siefker Jim Hasting
Sunday, Nov. 1	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman Lois Ewing	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Wyatt Kimmet	Aaron Trentman	Alan Trentman	Sue Rode Char Birkmeier
Sunday, Nov. 8	10:00 AM	Dan Marlow Rick Diesntberger	Sue Rode Jennifer Trentman	Gavin Kimmet	Jacob Trentman	Dan Kramer	Matt Weitzel Sam Hasting

If there is a date that doesn't work for you, please let Lauren know and she will help find someone else to fill in for you. *Thank you!*

Reminder: Sunday, October 11th worship will be at 9:00 AM due to Pork Loin Dinner

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

October 2026

				1	2	3 Coffee Cup Bible Study
4 Sun. School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM	5	6	7 Prayer Group 1:00 – 3:00	8	9	10 Jim's Breakfast 9:00 AM
11 Worship 9:00 AM <i>Pork Loin Dinner</i>	12 WELCA Meeting 6:00 PM <i>Columbus Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17 Coffee Cup Bible Study
18 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM Council Mtg	19	20	21 Prayer Group 1:00 -3:00 Book Study 7:00-8:30 PM	22	23	24 Women's Retreat 9:00 – 3:00
25 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM Catechism 1:00-3:00	26	27	28 Book Study 7:00-8:30 PM	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

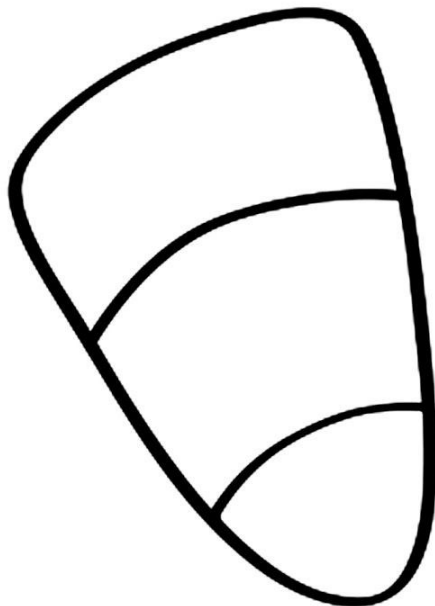
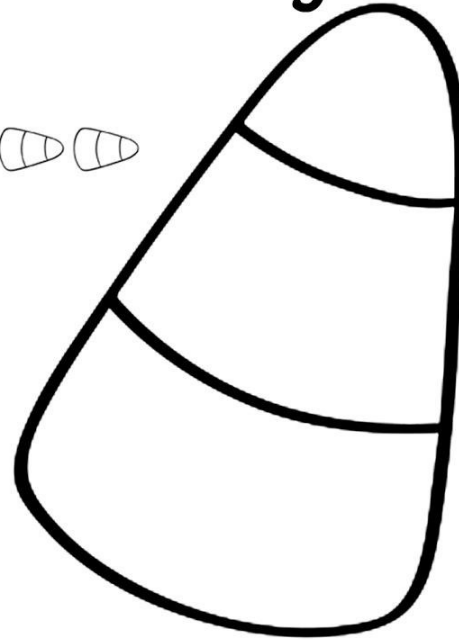
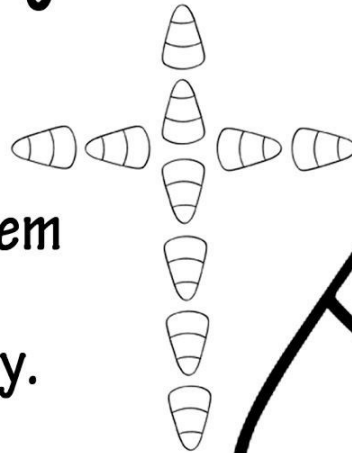
Count your Blessings

And

Name them

Day by day.

You'll be reminded



Ghrist Jesus' love

Overflows to you,

Right now, in

Nearly every way.

Words for God and Jesus

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Bright Morning Star	Author and Finisher	Carpenter
Bridegroom	Bread of Life	Yah
El Elyon	YHWH	Immanuel
Jehovah	Elohim	Adonai



On September 15th, we held a Fall Paint & Praise.
Here are some photos of the angels that were
painted that evening.

All unique & different in their own way!

