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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.

April Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, March 18th

The Messenger



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St. Peter Lutheran Church – March 2026

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

As I sit down to write to you, I can hardly believe that we Ash Wednesday has occurred and we are now into the season of Lent. Lent has always been an interesting time for me as the somberness that is sometimes placed upon this season goes against my joyous outlook that I have in faith in Jesus.

I am so grateful for the love that Jesus has given us by coming to earth to live among us as he modeled what love looks like and ultimately died for us in a way that is gruesome and horrible. Yet he did this for me and he did this for you.

What he did on the cross for us created a new covenant of love with God and changed the old ways of being in relationship with God. No longer was our salvation based upon our works, but instead it is based simply on our faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Do you believe that Jesus is the son of God? If so, his call in this new covenant to us is, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." (*Mark 12:30 NRSVUE*)

I think that Lent sometimes places an emphasis upon some sort of work ethic in the way of giving things up. The goal of this is to draw us closer to Christ, but if you give something up only for the sake of giving it up, it has no faith bearing on your relationship with Christ. For it is love that draws us to Christ and the call of Lent is to draw us deeper in love with Jesus. Carving out time to sit in prayer and silence is a great way to do this. In Lent we are to do things to help us journey deeper in faith and love, but that is really the call of faith for us every day.

As we wait during this season for the resurrection of Christ on Easter, I pray that you will fall deeper in love with our risen Lord.

Love, Pastor Carol

Volunteers are needed to be ushers, greeters and communion assistants.

We need some greeters to welcome people to church. Sometimes the hardest thing someone does is walk through the doors of a new church. Having a greeter is so helpful to let them know where things are and to make them feel welcome.

Also, it is important for our members to be welcomed.

Would you consider being a greeter?

Ushers help pass out bulletins and help with the offering. They also have an important role in welcoming others to worship. Would you consider being an usher?

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

If you are willing to volunteer your gift of love and care to do any of these roles on Sunday morning, please let Lauren or me know so we can get you on the schedule. We are looking for these specific roles for Easter Sunday and during Lent.

Monthly Finance Reports:

Month: January 2026	Month	Month	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
	2026	2025	2026	2025
Total Pastor	\$ 9,336.45	\$ 8,700.81	\$ 9,336.45	\$ 8,700.81
Total Worship	\$ 1,476.76	\$ 1,274.02	\$ 1,476.76	\$ 1,274.02
Total Teaching				
Total Office	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 1,483.57	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 1,483.57
Total Maintenance	\$ 636.13	\$ 2,418.98	\$ 636.13	\$ 2,418.98
Total Utilities	\$ 1,132.34	\$ 977.56	\$ 1,132.34	\$ 977.56
Total Insurance & Taxes	\$ 384.75	\$ 370.41	\$ 384.75	\$ 370.41
Total Other				
Subtotal Expenditures	\$ 15,136.43	\$ 15,225.35	\$ 15,136.43	\$ 15,225.35
Total Benevolence	\$ 134.95	\$ 552.00	\$ 134.95	\$ 552.00
Total Secondary Acct	\$ 441.00	\$ 646.25	\$ 441.00	\$ 646.25
Total Payments	\$ 15,712.38	\$ 16,423.60	\$ 15,712.38	\$ 16,423.60
Total Receipts	\$ 4,939.32	\$ 30,393.12	\$ 4,939.32	
Total Payments	\$ 15,712.38	\$ 16,423.60	\$ 15,712.38	
Excess or Deficit	\$ (10,773.06)	\$ 13,969.52	\$ (10,773.06)	
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ -		
Add Receipts	\$ 4,939.52	\$ 30,393.12		
Less Payments	\$ 15,712.38	\$ 16,423.60		
Ending Cash	\$ (10,773.06)	\$ 13,969.52		

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>

The 2026 flower chart is posted in the hallway for anyone wanting to sign up for flowers on the altar for a specific Sunday.

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.

Young Adult Breakfast Change for March:

March 21st at Jim's Restaurant for breakfast. We will meet from 9:00 to 10:00am.

Catechism:

Catechism will be March 8th from 1:00-3:00. Please also let Pastor Carol know by then if you are going to come on the retreat the first weekend in May. You can invite a friend to come with you.

Council meeting after church on Sunday, March 8th

No WELCA Meeting in March

Stay tuned to a Paint and Praise class to be held in April, looking to be a Tuesday or Wednesday after Easter. Let Pastor Carol know some ideas you would love to paint this Spring!



JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & SERVICES

When: Wednesdays -- 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup Supper
7:00 PM Lenten Service
Where: St. Peter Lutheran Church – Parish Hall

Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 2nd | 7:00 PM
Good Friday – Friday, April 3rd | 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 5th | Sunrise Easter Service 7:30 AM,
Breakfast at 8:30 AM, Easter Service at 10:00 AM

General Announcements

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

- The Himmeger family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

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:

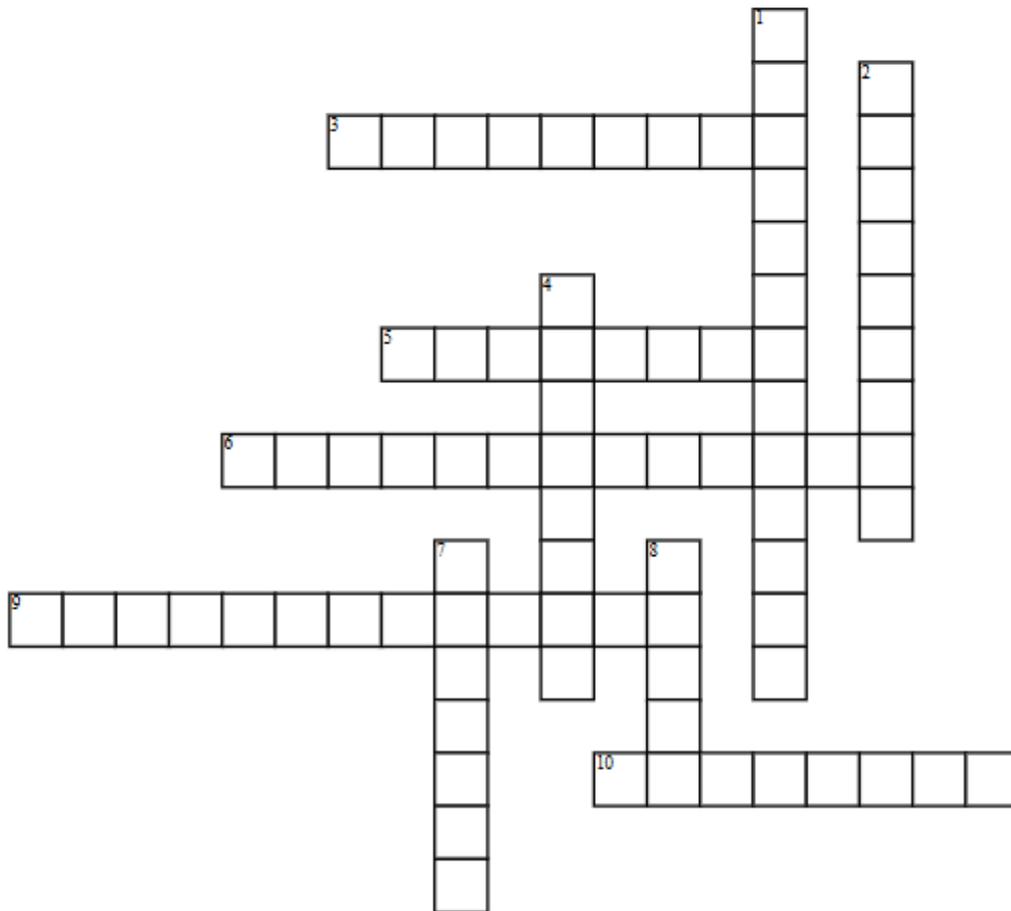
Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER	GREETERS
Sunday, Mar. 1	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing Dan Marlow	Jen Trentman Lauren Trentman	Will	Jenny Snipes	Alan Trentman	Let Lauren know if you would like to be a greeter
Sunday, Mar. 8	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman Lynn Miller	Jen Trentman Lauren Trentman	Austin Munshower	Kathy Stemen	Dan Kramer	Let Lauren know if you would like to be a greeter
Sunday, Mar. 15	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing Dan Marlow	Jen Trentman Lauren Trentman	Charlotte Koebel	Ryan Trentman	Dave Mayer	Let Lauren know if you would like to be a greeter
Sunday, Mar. 22	10:00 AM	Rick Dienstberger Ryan Trentman	Jen Trentman Lauren Trentman	Alayna Beverly	Kaiden Trentman	Dan Kramer	Let Lauren know if you would like to be a greeter
Sunday, Mar. 29	10:00 AM	Sue Kloepfel Deb Trentman	Vicki Rinehart Lauren Trentman	Roy Trentman	Dave Stemen	Aaron Trentman	Let Lauren know if you would like to be a greeter
Sunday, Apr. 5 Easter Sunday	7:30 AM	Let Lauren know if you could be a money counter for Easter Sunday	Donna Berger Sue Kloepfel	Charlotte Koebel Caleb Trentman	Aaron Trentman	Alan Trentman	Let Lauren know if you would like to be a greeter
Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday	10:00 AM	Let Lauren know if you could be a money counter for Easter Sunday	Donna Berger Sue Kloepfel	Austin Munshower Gavin Kimmert	Let Lauren know if you could be a communion assist. For this service.	Let Lauren know if you could be an usher for this service	Let Lauren know if you would like to be a greeter

March 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) Georgia Mayer | 24) Deb Trentman |
| 5) Eric Fritz | 24) Roy Trentman |
| 10) Kristin Koebel | 24) Lois Ewing |
| 15) Chris Prine | 26) Nathan Staples |
| 15) Julie Fitch | 31) Ryan Kloepfel |
| 19) Braytan Kruse | |
| 21) Aaron Trentman | |
| 21) Carly Buchholz | |

Our Lenten Journey From The Gospel of John

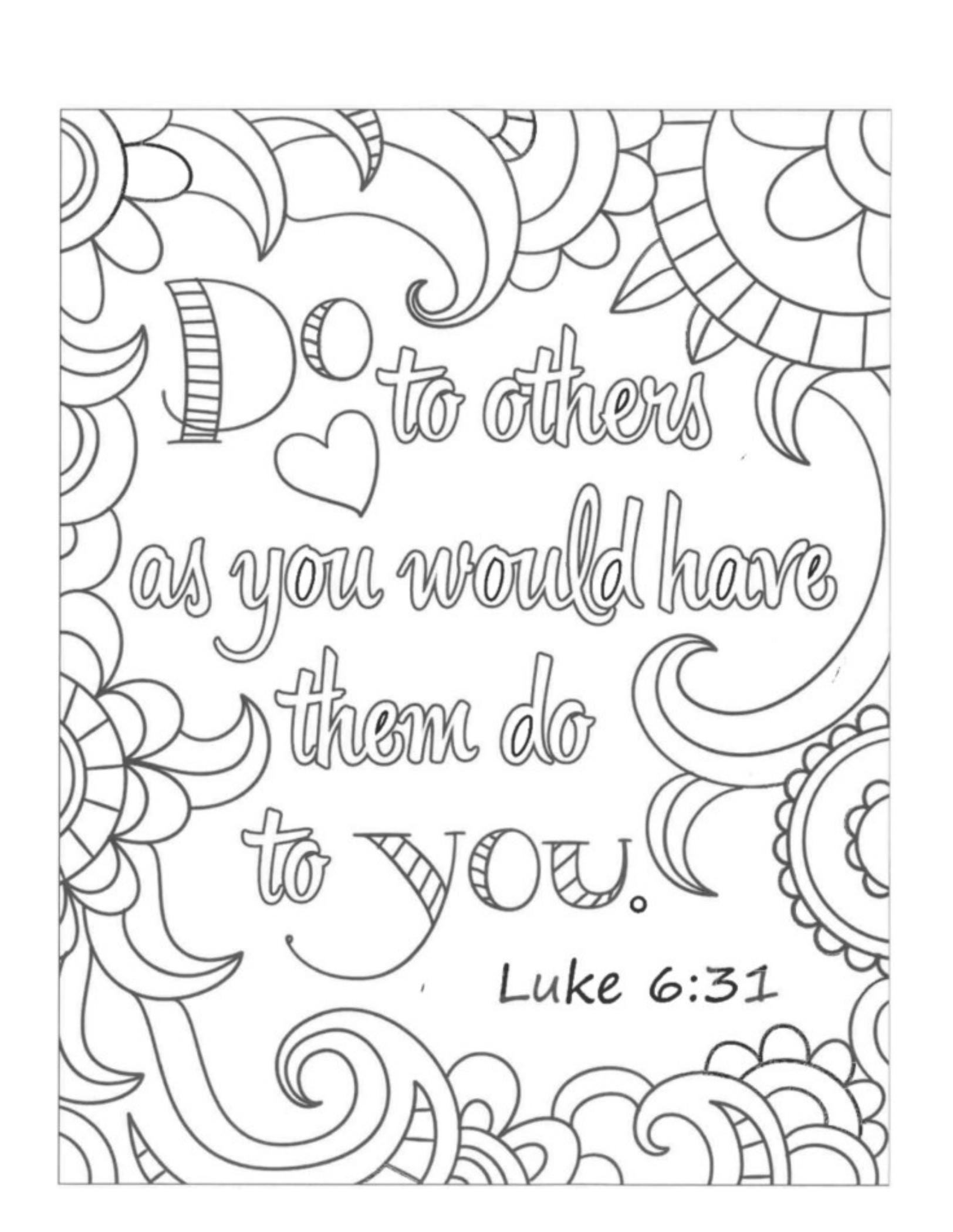


Across

3. Jesus was _____ on a cross.
5. I was the high priest.
6. He washed his hands and sentenced Jesus to die.
9. I annointed Jesus' feet with expensive oil.
10. Jesus said, 'I am the vine. You are the _____.

Down

1. _____ betrayed Jesus
2. Jesus was question in this place.
4. Jesus ate a special meal at the time of _____.
7. Jesus raised _____ from the dead.
8. He denied Jesus _____ times.



Do to others
as you would have
them do
to you.

Luke 6:31

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	2	3	4 Lenten Service 7:00 & Soup Supper 6:15-6:45 Parish Hall Prayer Group	5 GriefShare 6:30-8:00 PM	6	7 Bible Study 9:00 AM
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22/29 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM 	23/30	24/31	25 Lenten Service 7:00 & Soup Supper 6:15-6:45 Parish Hall	26 Griefshare 6:30-8:00 PM	27	28