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From the Pastor:

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
 - so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. $\sim Psalm\ 103{:}1\text{-}5$

This year, we were able to return of our usual pattern of going on a summer mission trip with our SPY group. For the first time, we headed

to New Bern, NC in order to work with Coastal Carolina Disaster Resiliency Agency, whose leaders, Kristy and Jeremy, are still hard at work helping their neighbors recover from Hurricane Florence 7 years ago. We were assigned two homes that were our jobsites. Their owners had been living with mold and other damages until they found hope and help all these years later with CCDRA. Adam Price led the boys on a flooring rehabilitation project at one house, while Anna Plank led the ladies in an effort to repaint the ceilings of another house. While both projects seemed overwhelming at first, God gave us the strength and faith to find our way, step by step. Through that service work, meeting the homeowners, other sisters and brothers in Christ with whom we shared lodging and prayers, hearing their stories, and bonding together through devotions, meals, service, and play, we all grew in our faith and our bond with God and each other. What follows are the stories of those who attended. Their thoughtful reflections are uplifting and humbling. They remind me that Jesus is constantly making more of us than we realize and would ever think possible. Our youth's words of witness are God's mercy to any who wonder if God is still working for good, still with us and for us, and let us see the vision that God has for us as people called, gathered, equipped, and sent by the Holy Spirit.

Seth Price

This trip meant helping others and going out of my comfort zone. I like painting more than I thought I did or would. Helping Ms. Sandra, who was really nice and going through tough times, for free was very meaningful. Now I know people better, too. I didn't like the work very much, but I knew I was helping others and was how I got closer to God. So I experienced God's presence through helping others with no cost for them. What I would like to say to the church community is every dollar that you donated went to helping someone else, so thank you.



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Myka Plank

This trip has meant so very much to me. Not only was I able to grow with my peers and pastor, I was also able to grow in my faith and walk with God. My peers and I have been able to grow in our exciting and fun adventures. Walking through the park, jumping over waves, searching for seashells, dominating each other in volleyball, and the occasional on top of the fridge or on somebody's shoulders moments. Not only were we able to grow with each other, we were also able to help each other grow in our faith and our walk with God. Hearing my friends' opinions and thoughts on everything certainly helped me in my faith. I have experienced God's presence in many ways on this trip, through silly ways like dropping a picture frame on a glass table teaming with porcelain antiques and nothing broke. But I also have experienced God's presence through meaningful and faith-strengthening ways, like how every day of devotions lined up perfectly with the work or crazy day we had.



I have learned so much about myself and my peers on this trip. For instance, I never realized how funny Yumalai is, but it didn't take long to realize, because within the first 5 minutes she had me laughing out loud. Then again, the second day she fell off of a chair, popped right back up, and was laughing like a true champ. Another person that I never really knew was Gus. Through laughing, storytelling, sushi making, jumping waves in the beach, and singing, we really got to know each other and I am so glad of it. Seth and Own were both quiet at the beginning, but they certainly weren't in the end. Through playing games, singing in the car rides, exchanging thoughts about free time plans, and meeting Ms. Sandra, they started to



open up. It was really nice to hear their thoughts and I am so looking forward to mini golfing. So with all of that said, I would just like to thank each and every one of you for showing up to spaghetti dinners, Advent lunches, pancakes and sausage meals, and making weekly offerings. This experience has certainly shaped me and formed me to a devoted Christian. Thank you!





Claire Gordley

I was so touched to be invited on this trip and I want to thank you for donating to this mission trip and supporting us. This trip allowed me to have the courage to try new things and be grateful for every blessing in my life. It allowed me to love others more and take a step back and see how God is working in my life. God never left me on this trip and He gave me strength to continue to pursue His work. My group is definitely my family now, and even though I do not go to the same church they have loved, uplifted, included, and supported



me through everything. Every time I see a person in my group, it instantly puts a smile on my face. I really got to see God on this trip whether it was a sunset on the beach, someone receiving help, or just keeping us safe on the road and while working. Some of my favorite memories were singing in the backseat with Yumalai, sprinting with Gus and Owen, making pancakes with Leah, screaming Bojangles in the van, and swimming with everyone in the ocean. By going on this trip, I learned that meeting new people is fun, not scary, and it never hurts to take a second to really listen to people and their story. I would like to say to the church community that if it wasn't for your support, I never would have met so many amazing people.



Helping people with the CCDRA was an experience to say the least. Every day was filled with heartwarming kindness of unforgettable moments. I barely knew anyone's names starting this trip, but now I feel like they've been my best friends all my life. Pastor Johns was an unimaginable connection to God. This trip, every act he did was out of kindness and generosity. I know saying "thank you" isn't

possibly enough gratitude towards the community but I can't think of anything else to say, so Thank You.



Leah Plank

I would like to start by saying thank you all so much for your generosity! We would not have been able to help the community of New Bern without you! We had so much fun shining the light of Christ as well as spending lots of time together! Some of my favorite moments were those spent talking to complete strangers. Tuesday evening, we spent our free time walking around downtown New Bern. While walking, we saw one of the prettiest sunsets I have ever experienced. We spent some time in awe watching the sun go down and taking many, many pictures. As we continued to walk, we met a friendly

couple who were crabbing. After greeting us, the couple asked where we were from. When we responded the man looked at his wife and remarked, "I knew they weren't from around here! They were looking at the sunset and taking pictures like they had never seen something like this before!" For some reason this moment has stuck with me as a moment that was very special. These people went out of their way to be kind to complete strangers. Something that they may have taken for granted, we thought was beautiful. This experience, as well as experiencing our work with the mission, has helped me reflect on my life a little bit differently. What do I experience or have that someone else would pause and gape in wonder at?

My second favorite part of this trip was my time spent with my peers. We learned some crazy stuff about each other and enjoyed making up and singing a song about the fast-food restaurant, Bojangles. Pastor taught us how to eat an apple "properly," which included an "eating as much of an apple as you can" competition. During our competition, we ended up eating every part of the apple (including the stem) in an attempt to beat Pastor. However, we ended up tying because he was also brave enough to eat the stem.





Every evening we had nighttime devotions in which we shared our Highs and Lows for the day. Our Lows typically included something that had gone awry with

our work during the day and our Highs typically included a special moment that we spent together. The last thing we did every day was said the Lord's Prayer together. This was one of my many favorite moments. Our voices echoed off of the walls of a small church we were seated in. I truly felt God's presence in that time and all of our times spent together.

Thank you all for supporting us in countless fundraisers and for all the prayers that have supported us along the way. We have had an amazing time and have grown much closer to each other and God. I felt so spiritually full during this trip and owe so much thanks to you all for all of your support.

Owen Price

I have met very nice people on this trip such as Sandra, Darrin, and Jeremy, so I see God's presence within them. God is showing these people mercy by basically having us come down here and help them out for free. This trip meant a lot for me because it showed that many people need help from things out of their control.

I want to say thank you because I enjoyed the beach, exploring New Bern, and seeing how Sandra enjoyed the work we did. The group of people I went with were very nice to me and each other the whole time.

I feel like the trip went smoothly, nothing bad really happened, so the trip was worth the experience. It is also great to see that nobody was very judgmental, not just our group but the people that worked there and the people from Brunswick Reformed Church. And I also saw God's presence in how the weather was, how these people's houses weren't in fully livable condition for seven years but no animals did anyone major harm. Furthermore, it was nice to see everyone laughing and having a good time the whole time. In addition, I would like to thank the people who made us food the entire trip. And one last thanks to God and the congregation who gave us the funds to go.



Yumalai Merrison:

For me, this was my first time on a youth mission trip, and it was one of the best experiences of my life. I was so happy to spend time with everyone and connect with everyone that joined us. Most of the people in the group were doing this for the first time and I would say I speak for everyone when I say it was the best.

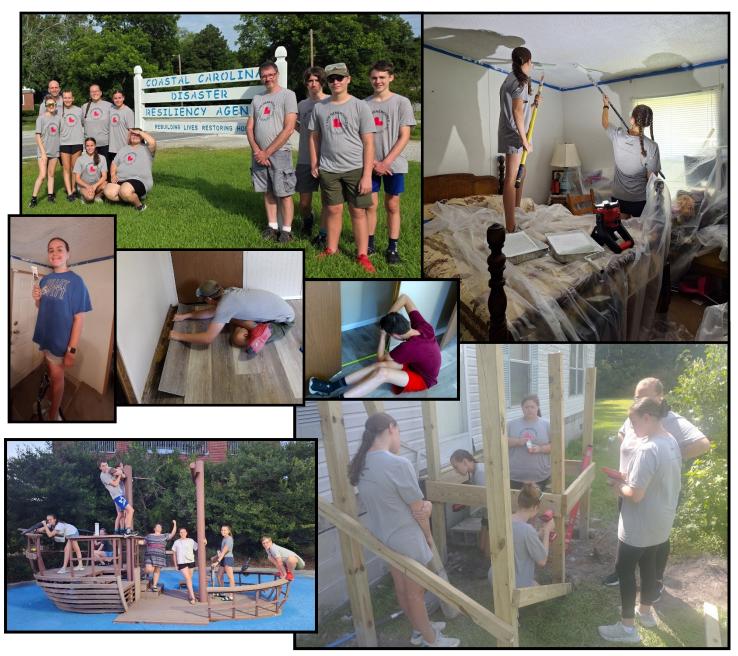
I really saw God when we were rehabbing these people's homes. I feel these people were very brave for giving up their privacy and just allowing us to end their homes. God's presence was really with us throughout the trip. I saw God the most when we were working in Ms. Jannett's home, when we all started to get overwhelmed. This happened because we thought it was messy, but we all found out it was lots of memories just bottled up in a very small house. After time among her collection of memories, the group grew close to her without her even being there.

Something I learned about myself is now I am a much better swimmer thanks to Myka, Elsa, Anna, and Leah Plank, Claire Gordley, Gus Mossor, and Owen and Seth Price, because they all helped me in some sort of way, whether it was helping me not drown or help me get over the waves when we went to the beach.

One point where I encountered God's mercy was when my group had just gotten to Ms. Jannett's home and we were going through each room to see what work needed to be done. I saw a mouse and I was very scared, as was everyone else, but I prayed to God that we wouldn't see another one. God listened to me and that really pushed us to keep helping her fix her home.

The church community played a part in al of this by giving donations from the Advent Luncheon and Shrove Tuesday dinner. I am so very thankful for everything and I am honored that people put the thought into helping us with this trip. But most of all, I am thankful for Pastor and his family. All of them work incredibly hard to plan lots of fun things like SPY meetings and this mission trip. I am so lucky to know someone as great as him and I cherish getting to be a part of all that he does.







Thank you to our youth and adults whose tireless efforts lifted the spirts of all of those around them and represented our St. Peter's community with the kind of joyful perseverance that only comes from the Holy Spirit. Their care for one another and those they met along the way is a model for the Christian walk that we can all look to and seek to be as we journey together in faith here in Evans City and wherever Jesus leads us.

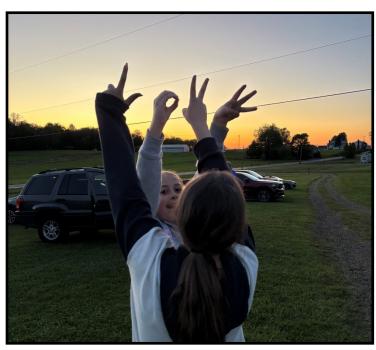
ST. PETER'S PRIDE



We officially welcomed Lisa French into our church ministry team as secretary on Sunday, July 6th. Please pray for Lisa as she gets to know each of us and the inner working parts of what makes St. Peter's an amazing family!



St. Peter's Sowers came out on July 8 to cut and sew material for the WELCA school kit backpacks. Thank you Sowers and everyone who has donated to our school kit collection!



Love your St. Peter's Apostles? Come out to our playoff games on Monday, July 18 at the Middle Lancaster field to cheer on your favorite church softball team. We will also celebrate our 3rd annual **Fan Appreciation Night**, as our way to say many thanks to all of the fans that came out to support St. Peter's Apostles this season! There will be food, contests, and prizes, not to mention the games going on in the background. Thanks again for being the kind of group that had an umpire tell Pastor, "You guys have the best fans in the whole league!"

PEACH FEST









On Sunday, July 27th, St. Peter's Fellowship Committee hosted the annual Peach Festival. The event featured several peach-themed main dishes as well as desserts and peach flavored beverages too! Many friends and family stayed after worship to participate in the event and God provided the perfect amount of sunshine to make Peach Fest enjoyable.

Thanks to everyone who took the
time to make
things for this pot
luck and to all who
attended! Much
fun was had by all.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPLE FEST

The Apple Fest is coming soon, and many donations are needed to make this event possible. The donation Apple Tree is ready, so please take an "apple" and sign up for whatever you wish to donate. Please save the dates below to volunteer and have fun and fellowship during our annual event!

Apple Fest:

Sept. 20th & 21st

Dumpling Making:

Sat. Aug. 30 at 8:00 am

Dumpling Making:

Sat. Sept. 6 at 8:00 am

Apple Cutting for Apple Butter:

Fri. Sept. 12 at 8:30 am

Apple Butter Making:

Sat. Sept. 13 at 5:00 am - 3 pm?

All donations need to be in the church by August 28th. If you have any questions, please contact Eilene Budisky.









Manna Water Night—come join the fun on Wednesday, August 27th from 5:30-7:15 pm and have dinner! The evening also always includes great water-themed fun! So, bring your swimsuit and plan to get wet! Bring friends too, and make sure they know to plan for a soaking good time!

Back to School Blessing – Mark you calendars today for the Back to School Blessing that will be held on Sunday, August 17th during our worship service. Children are welcome to bring their backpacks and/or school supplies as we will pray for their upcoming school year.

After School Program— We still have openings for the 2025-2026 school year. If you know of anyone in need of childcare grades K-6 please give them our church contact information so we can reach out to them.

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Food Cupboard

Thanks to everyone who donated toiletries for the Evans City Food Cupboard in July!

August donations are Paper Products.

August pack up will be on Friday, August 8 at 9 am instead of 9/10 after worship.

500 Card Club – will meet this month on Friday, August 1st at noon. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend - no experience needed! If you would like to learn to play you are welcome to join in the fun. It's a pot luck event so bring whatever you would like to share.



Lunch Bunch

In July many friends and families from St. Peter's met for lunch at Union Brothers in Harmony. The group enjoyed good food and the fellowship of each other. They invite you to join in the fun on August 20th at Brown's Country Kitchen at noon. Please let Pastor know if you plan to attend so he can arrange for seating.



Noah at Sight and Sound, September 27 in Lancaster, PA.

We have tickets for adults & children. \$75 for adults or \$45 for children under 12. Checks can be made out to St. Peter's Lutheran Church (marked Noah Trip).

All signups and payment are due by August 24, at which point we will give back the remaining tickets to Sight and Sound Theatre. Don't miss out!

For more information, please see or call Eilene Budisky at 724-452-6059.

Brick Sidewalk Fundraiser - Would you like to sponsor a brick to honor someone or in memory of someone? We will place an order by the end of August and need all order forms returned by Sunday, August 24th. If you would like to order a brick or bricks the cost is \$100 each and proceeds benefit our Priority Project fund. Please contact the church office if you would like and order form. Orders can be included in your contribution envelope or returned to the office.



FINANCIAL FACTS

June 2025Contributions:

Fund	Description		Amount
213	Synod Benevolence		2,512.00
241	Evans City Fire Department		117.00
242	EDCO Park		20.00
244	ALS of Western PA		2,126.00
400	Current Fund Income		19,913.00
401	Music Fund Income		222.00
402	Memorial Fund Income		100.00
405	Flower Income		225.00
407	Priority Project Income		300.00
408	After School Program Income		2,120.00
410	Campership Income		10.00
441	Church Outings Income		620.00
		Grand Total	28,285.00

A Financial Update in an effort to keep

everyone informed about our

current financial situation the reconciled treasurers report of our Current Fund

the ability to serve Christ and others.

As of the end of June 2025 is as follows:
Current Fund \$2,851.65, Memorial Fund
\$11,334.74, Youth Fund \$10,507.78, Manna Fund
\$5,703.03, Priority Project Fund \$4,658.23, After
School Program \$8,425.02. Many thanks to those
who continue to give to these funds which give us

WELCA SCHOOL KITS

We have had great response so far towards meeting our goal of collecting enough supplies for 100 kits, so thank you to everyone who has

donated already! **Notebooks**are the last item we still
need this year to reach our
goal, as long as all signed up
for supplies make it to the
church. Please bring all items
to the church by Sunday, **September 7.**

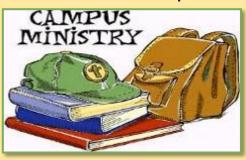


2025 Contributions to Date:

Fund	Description		Amount
204	W.E.L.C.A.		166.00
206	Madagascar		2,566.00
211	Meals on Wheels		126.00
212	Food Cupboard		1,544.80
	Synod Benevolence		9,336.70
214	ELCA World Hunger Appeal		100.00
	ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect		352.00
218	Lutheran Service Society		281.28
223	ELCA Luth. Disaster Response		2,332.00
	Seminary		57.00
234	Sherri Ifft - Missionary		142.00
	Evans City Fire Department		117.00
	EDCO Park		407.00
	ALS of Western PA		2,126.00
	Pastor's Disc. Fund		300.00
	Current Fund Income		94,616.83
	Music Fund Income		397.00
	Memorial Fund Income		1,715.00
	Flower Income		1,833.50
	Youth Fund Income		619.00
	Priority Project Income		6,231.00
	After School Program Income		10,638.00
	Campership Income		3,911.50
	Manna Night		1,232.50
	Softball Team Income		600.00
441	Church Outings Income		620.00
		Grand Total	142,368.11
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Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for August

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause will support Lutheran Campus Ministry. If you would like to support this cause, please mark the *Other* line on your contribution envelope.



On behalf of the WELCA, we would like to thank everyone who provided desserts for Meals-on-Wheels. Your kindness and generosity help WELCA to fulfill our mission of using our hands to do God's work!

God bless you all! Your sisters in Christ, Marsha and Robin



THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Tom Baker

Cole Barkley

Troy Barkley

John, Summer, Timothy Barron & Family

Peter Barry

Ricky Benson

Tom Broeren

Kay Burr

Lisa Burr

Reid Caldwell (ALS)

Jane Carruth (Colon Cancer - B.Barkley)

Luke Clawson

Michael Clawson

David English (Lung Cancer)

Pastor Jack Delk

Diane Fair

Mary, Glenn, and David Fulghum

Lori Goodwin

Joan Gumpp

Dave & Patty Grubbs

Annastyn Hogan

Stephanie Hogan

Ella Jason

Greg John

Carol Kerr

Val Kurth (Breast Cancer)

Todd Manuel (blood cancer)

Diane Marburger

Joe Marburger

Patty Marburger

Jane Mashuda

Diamond McCracken

Berty McMillen

Carmen Morra

Sandra Morra

Matt Morris

Mark Phillips

Emma Plank

Jason Plank

Robin Plank

Erin Price

Bill Puryear (cancer)

Lori Rasp

Mary Jane Raupp

Dominick Scarpino

Pastor Tony Schneck

Jane Taylor

Kay Marburger Terry

Garrie Wearing

David Wobb



PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Please contact the church office as soon as possible to request additions or changes.

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INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

Members and friends who have entered the Church Triumphant in the previous 3 months:

The families of:

Clark Graham

Gary Checkan

VOLUNTEERING & BIRTHDAYS

Date	08/03/2025	08/10/2025	08/17/2025	08/24/2025	08/31/2025
Acolytes	Ethan Johns	Gianna Bonicky	Penelope Erin	Owen Price	Luke Zoelle
Altar Flowers (\$20/vase)	Tom and Cindy Ayers	Rick and Becky Riddle	Marlene Domhoff	Eilene Budisky	Kerr/Barto
Altar Guild	Teresa O'Malley				
Asst. Minister	Anna Plank	Ted Lindgren II	Karen Ferrari	Glenn Fulghum	Teresa O'Malley
Bell Ringer	Jason Plank	Davin Beahm	Corey Walker	Josh Green	Joe Ludwik
Communion Ministers	Teresa O'Malley	Ted Lindgren III	Debbie Merrison	Robin VanDyke	Teresa O'Malley
Eternal Candle (\$15)	Teresa O'Malley				
Greeters	Joe Ludwik	Wes & Linda Schmidt	Denny & Inez Schmidt	Pat Painter & Cheryl Thomas	Heinie & Mary Jane Raupp
Lector	Melissa Bonicky	Karen Ferrari	Charlie Flach	Patti Flach	Tom Ayers
Nursery	Colleen Prenovitz	Linda Schmidt	Staci Bettencourt	Teresa O'Malley	Beverly Barkley
Offering Counters	Michael Bettencourt & Dan Guerriero				
Tech Support	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price
Ushers	Dan & Casey Guerriero	Heidi Beahm Brian Johns	Joe Ludwik Dean Zinkhann	Dan Erin Rob Burr	Cindy & Tom Ayers

August Birthdays St. Peter's Church Family Wishes Many Blessings To You!

1 Logan Thomas
3 Lisa Burr
4 Corey Walker
6 Cathy Kistler
18 Carol McKinnis
18 Madalyn Rajchel
19 Neal Critchlow
20 Michael Bettencourt

6 Summer Barron 21 R.J. Bird 7 Marge Wearing 23 Katie Weber 7 Davin Beahm Jr. 26 Charles C. Ha

7 Davin Beahm Jr.26 Charles C. Harbaugh12 Brittany Green27 Alyssa Mossor

14 Lindsay Jason 30 Lynn Schweingruber



Dear St. Peter's,

Please accept the sincere thanks from the Bethesda Foundation for Children Board of Directors and Bethesda Lutheran Services staff for your generous donation of \$86 in support of Bethesda's Promising Futures Fund. Your gift and support are both greatly appreciated. They enable us to provide the kind of quality treatment and preventative programs that make a difference in the live of the kids we serve. With your help, we continue to work to provide promising futures to children, youth, and families.

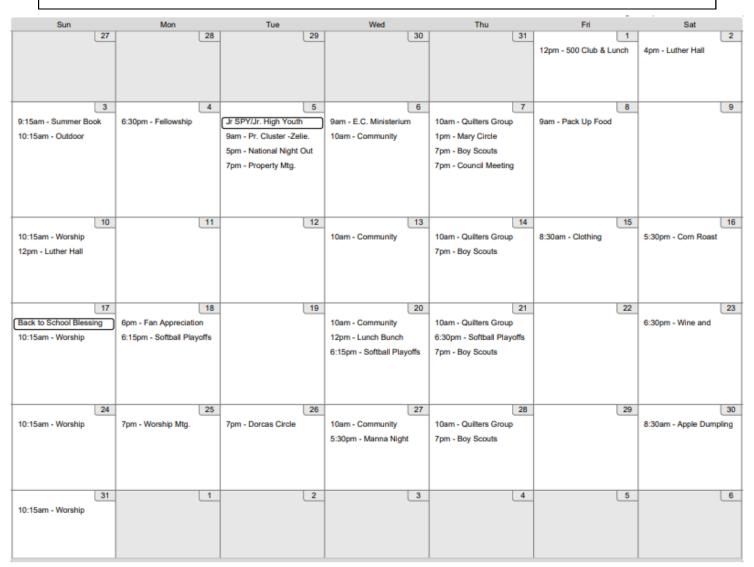
Best always,

George R. Trauner, CEO



We wanted to thank you very much for your donations in support of Meals on Wheels. Your generosity allows us to continue to serve these clients and you are greatly appreciated. Thank you. Amy Hoyt

AUGUST CALENDAR





National Night Out – on Tuesday, 8/5 at EDCO Park the Evans City Community will be celebrating this national event with a free meal and free access to the pool. The churches are supplying the meal. St. Peter's has been asked to supply chips and salads for 150 people. Please let Pastor know if you can help share our part. Dinner starts at 6 pm so donations will need to be there sooner.

<u>Corn Roast</u> – Our annual corn roast will be held on Saturday, August 16th at 5:30 pm. Delicious corn, as well as hot dogs and drinks, will be provided. You're invited to bring a dish and friends! The night's fun will include rounds of Bingo with prizes.



<u>Wine and Cheese</u> - Mark your calendar on August 23rd for this evening of relaxation as we casually play some games, take in delightful conversation, snack on hors d'oeuvres, sip some adult beverages, and maybe even go for a dip. Hope to see you at the Raupps' starting at 6:30 pm!

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Pastor Brandon Johns

Heidi Beahm, After School Director

Marlene Domhoff,
Organist / Music Director

Joe Ludwik, Sexton

Lisa French, Secretary

- The Sunday Bulletin Deadline is Wednesdays at 10 am
- Monthly Newsletter Deadline is the 3rd Sunday of each month
 - Sunday School: resumes 9/7/2025 9 am Pre-K—adults
 - Weekly Worship Services: Sundays at 10:15 am
- Check Our Weekly Calendar of other events.

Summer Office Hours:
M-W-F
9 am—noon

Thank you to Luann and Perry Brosius for this month's newsletter sponsorship:

Praying that the students, teachers, and school staff have a very successful year.

Good luck to everyone.

