

# St. Peter's Post 2/1/24

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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## From the Pastor:

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*"Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4*

"Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

That's a lovely way to start a letter. I didn't think it up, though, as you probably know, which is why I'm able to speak so highly of it. That opening is taken almost verbatim from the greeting portion of many of Paul's letters. Only "our" has replaced "the" and the "and Savior" has been added in above. Even then, I didn't invent those changes. I heard my pastor growing up begin each of his sermons that way, and so internalized it as the proper way to begin a sermon, until internship.

By the time I was an intern serving in northern Virginia, I had already preached many times. After all, I had started right around my seventeenth birthday. Every time I started with the slightly altered version of Paul's greeting and ended with a similar scriptural but formulaic ending I had learned from the pews. Even in my sermon-writing and delivering classes (called Homiletics), nobody mentioned that as unusual. However, after my first sermon on internship, my supervisor asked me a couple of days later why I began and ended my sermons that way. I don't drink coffee or beer, so my Lutheran status can sometimes be called into question, but not for my reasoning on this one. My answer was that I had learned to preach that way and therefore had always done it that way.

Turns out that wasn't a good enough answer to be able to move on and continue the same as always. My supervisor had a different opinion, which he shared. He said, "Look, people know that you're about to preach. It says so right in the bulletin. There's no confusion as to why you've climbed up in the pulpit, so there's no need to start with a line to clue everyone in to what you're doing. Also, when you're done, be done. Say Amen, and let that be that." I wasn't about to argue with the person who would be largely responsible for whether or not I got to continue and become a pastor, so I changed. From then on, I have started right in to the message without introduction and have said Amen at the end.

No one has ever asked me for my sermons to be longer, so I don't think anyone is hoping this story spurs me to change back. Once a year or two ago, my younger brother, who has heard sermons from me before and after the switch, asked me what happened to the line I used to use to open sermons. I explained this story, and he encouraged a switch back. I did once for him, and maybe will again. Anyhow, this has come back to mind and I'm sharing it with you, because our theme this year is peace, of course. While no one is asking for longer sermons, I believe that any of us would be glad for more peace.

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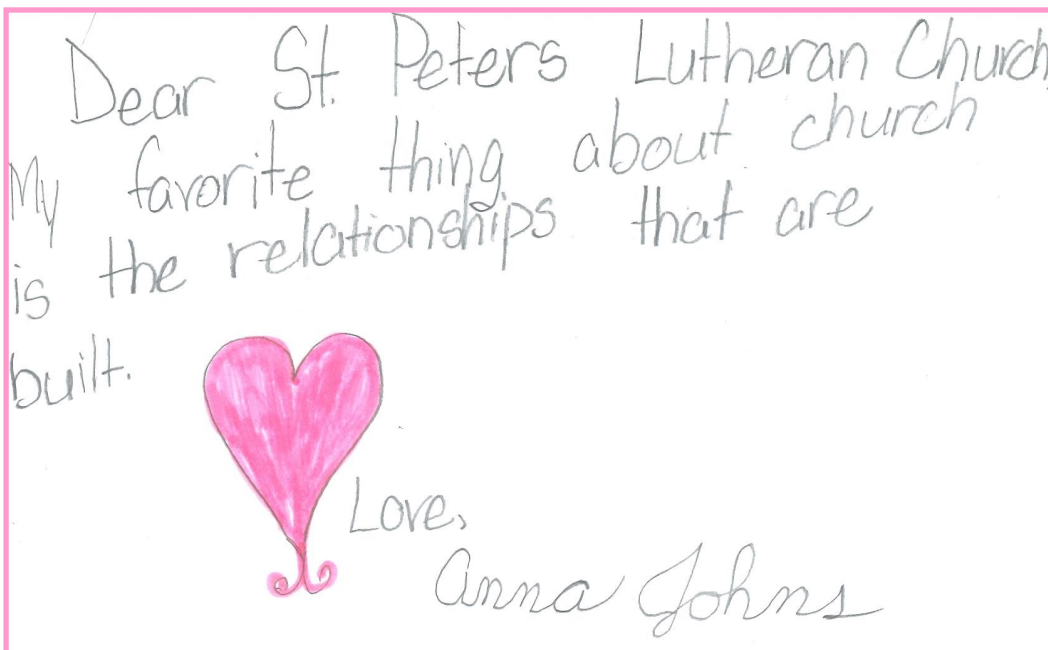
## Pastor's Page Continued

Paul's consistent use of peace in his greetings show his understanding of our consistent need for peace and the way offering peace heartens individual recipients and strengthens communal bonds. Our Jewish ancestors in the faith, among whom Paul and Jesus were, and our modern cousins have recognized this. Much deeper than a simple "Hello" is the Hebrew greeting "Shalom." It means peace, and not just a wish for lack of conflict between us, which is important enough on its own, but also an intentional blessing of wholeness and well-being for the person or community greeted.

Often, I consider peace to be something that I must fight to obtain, to win it somehow, or at least earn in order to possess. Shalom challenges that notion. Shalom is the ideal state for which humanity was created by God. Therefore, it is a gift of the highest order from God. After all, part of our understanding surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection are so that peace would be made between God and humanity, enabling true eternal Shalom for us. What God freely gives us, we are called to freely give to others.

Love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, hospitality, all are gifts from God that we are called to radiate out to others. Peace is, too. The Gospel of John quotes Jesus as saying to his disciples, "My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." It's repeated for emphasis, perhaps because they might have difficulty processing a word of peace as Jesus prepares for his arrest and death. As the disciples and the communities to which Paul wrote received the word of peace in challenging times, let us hear that blessing anew in our time. You, my dear friends, have in your possession the Shalom of God, given to you by God through the Holy Spirit.

This is not a gift to be used sparingly. Once it took me two years to get through some Payday candy bars I had been given because they were a special treat that I wanted to save for just the right moments. Turns out, when they were finally used up there were loving people ready to supply me with more. Don't ration God's peace. God is loving and gladly continues to restock our hearts with holy treasures. Please consider gifting as many people you can with the blessing of Shalom. May our words and actions communicate the peace of God to all people, given away as freely as it was given to us. So I say to you, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus. Shalom. Peace be with you. Amen.



Youth in our first through third grade Sunday School class were asked what their favorite thing about St. Peter's is, in light of our 175th anniversary. Here is one response. We'd love to hear yours too! Please share so we can fill the newsletters this 175th anniversary year with all our favorite things about St. Peter's.

## WELCA SOUP SALE



Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the 2024 WELCA soup sale a huge success! It took many dedicated volunteers to pull off this fundraiser and the homemade soup was delicious! Please recycle your jars by returning them to the church so they can be used for next year's sale.

The proceeds from the sale will be dedicated to Priority Projects and the Food Cupboard

A special thank you to Thrivent Financial for their support by giving \$250 seed money to kick start this fundraiser.



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## Working Together at St. Peter's

# KID'S MINISTRY



In January we welcomed a community sewing group that now meets weekly on Wednesdays in Luther Hall. Our quilting group still meets upstairs on Thursday mornings. All are welcome to be a part of either group.



Manna Night has returned! A special thank you to everyone who volunteers for this very special children's ministry. Join us on Wednesday from 5:30-7:15 to take part in the fun!



St. Peter's family and friends agreed to serve others in our community over a year ago. We generally pack food up on the second Sunday of each month. Packing up food is exactly what volunteers do. There are bags that need to be prepped, food that needs to be packed neatly into the bags to make everything fit, and then the food gets stored in an area ready to be delivered to those in need.

Anyone in the Evans City area that is of low income is encouraged to speak to Marilyn about receiving food from the food cupboard. You may contact the food cupboard at 724-538-0542 if you are in need of food. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number of people in your family and a phone number for a volunteer to return your phone call.

## ST. PETER'S YOUTH & A LOOK AT LENT



St. Peter's Youth had the rare opportunity to join with other community Lutheran church's on Friday night, January 26th for a fun evening of pizza and ice skating at the Lemieux Center in Cranberry. Youth from St. Peter's, St. Paul, and Stone Church enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship and no one got injured!!! Yippee!!! We are looking forward to many more fun activities in 2024!

### Looking Ahead...Lent



- Feb. 13 **Shrove Tuesday**  
5:30 pm – Dinner  
6:45 pm – Talent Show  
8:00 pm – Burial of the Alleluia and Palms
- Feb. 14 **Ash Wednesday**  
11 am – Service at Zion Lutheran  
7 pm – Service at St. Peter's
- Feb. 22 Meager Meal – 6 pm  
Lent Service – 7 pm (with communion)  
Bible Study – 8 pm
- Feb. 29 Meager Meal – 6 pm  
Lent Service – 7 pm (with communion)  
Bible Study – 8 pm
- March 24 **Holy Week begins**

**SPY** – On Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be here at 4 pm. We'll start with a service project, which will be doing the monthly food pack up downstairs. Afterwards we will have dinner together. Once dinner is over, we'll head to St. Paul's in Zelenople for their Open Mic Night. You will be welcome to share a song, sung or played on an instrument, jokes, a story, or anything else that could bring a laugh or cheer. Youth can be picked up from there or from St. Peter's around 9 pm. Friends are always welcome. Please let Pastor know if you or your youth can make it!

**Jr. SPY** – On Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, our third through sixth graders will gather at the church for dinner and fellowship together at 5:00 pm. Starting at 6:30 pm, Game Night starts and all youth are invited to stay and join in the fun and games (and snacks) at Game Night.

## CORRESPONDENCE

To the congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

For over seventy-five years, the Lutheran Campus Ministry has been serving the university communities in and around Oakland, creating community centered on Christ's love for all to send out faithful leaders. Throughout that time, there have always been partners like you whose generosity has helped us in this mission. Thank you so much for your donation. We cannot do this work without faithful supporters like you. Your gift is vital in helping us make all are welcome, faith is nurtured, and Christ is made known

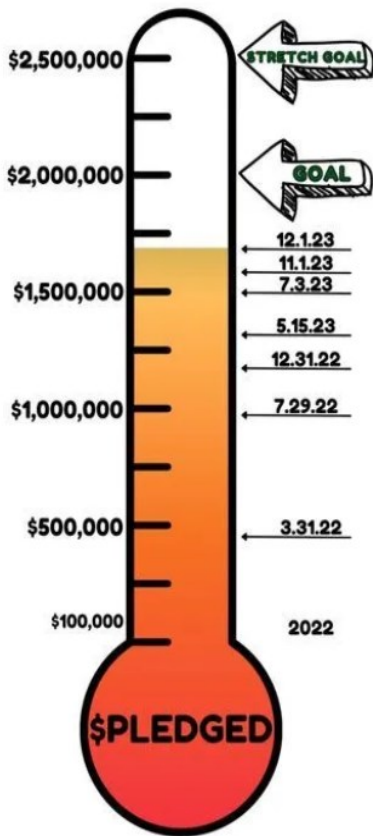
Thank you,

*Rev B.O. Bennett*



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my way.  
- Psalm 119

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for making a "visitor" feel so welcome and so much apart of the community.  
Best, Jennifer Ryan  
*Thank You*  

Dear Members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

We are excited to share with you that we are working with one of western Pa's most beloved Lutheran organizations: Lutherlynn. Lutherlynn has been a camp, retreat center, and special "place apart" since 1948.

Congregations look to Lutherlynn as a resource in providing a valuable ministry to our youth, families, and synod.

Because of the need for Lutherlynn to upgrade and modernize its facilities, the congregations of Southwestern and Northwestern PA Synods, including our congregation, will participate in a Capital Campaign to help raise \$2.5 million.

During the next five weeks, you will learn more about this important effort. We pray that your commitment to ministry will encourage you to become involved and excited about Lutherlynn's Building for the Future Capital Campaign.

## SPECIAL EVENTS, OUTREACH & BIRTHDAYS



### Sundays in February

9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Worship  
 11:30 am Fellowship  
 12:00 pm Bell Choir

### Wednesdays in February

5:30 pm Manna Night  
 7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice

### Thursdays in February

9:00 am Quilting  
 7:00 pm Bible Study

### February 10

4:00 pm SPY Event

### February 17

5:00 pm Jr. SPY  
 6:30 pm Game Night

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Kim Morris         | 20 Ruth Rasp           |
| 2 Amy Hogle          | 21 Paisley Green       |
| 4 Marc Acre          | 22 Ted Lindgren II     |
| 4 Nathan Anthony     | 22 Yumalai Contreras   |
| 4 Julia Lingenfelter | 25 Charles V. Harbaugh |
| 11 Lucille Wingard   | 26 Teresa O'Malley     |
| 14 Lloyd Green       | 26 McKenzie Lindgren   |



## *Cards for Karen*

While we are praying for healing for Karen Marburger we are also hoping that you will take a moment to help lift her spirits too! Karen has been in and out of the hospital and nursing care for several months and is still recovering from health complications. If you would like to send a card please mail it to 1440 Mars-Evans City Road, Evans City, PA 16033 and her sister Janice will see that she gets all correspondence.



Our annual winter congregational meeting featuring the Bulletin of Reports and a provided lunch will be Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> after worship.

**Shrove Tuesday** – is February 13th. St. Peter's will again host a pancake and sausage dinner beginning at 6 pm followed by a the annual talent show featuring St. Peter's Rocks Dance Group, and the burning of palms service will conclude the evening.

Sign up to share your talent with your family and friends at St. Peter's and make the evening more enjoyable for all who attend.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join your church family and friends for the monthly Lutheran lunch outing **Wednesday, February 21 at 12 pm. This month's restaurant is Union Brothers in Harmony.** Anyone is welcome to attend, please let Pastor Johns know how many will be joining from your party so he can pass the information along to RSVP for the growing group! Stay tuned each month for the lunch date so you don't miss out on an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



Welcome to the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our congregation! On Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Bishop Kusserow to lead worship followed by a potluck luncheon after the service.

He will also lead a forum during Sunday School. Betty Sue Shaulis Lehew has also been invited to be the guest lector. She is a daughter of our congregation and daughter of Pastor & Mrs. Shaulis who served our congregation during WWII until called as director of Camp Lutherlyn in the early 1950's.

Other ways of celebrating this year include a commemorative ornament (*buy now before they sell out!*), a cookbook that is on its way, an updated account of our church history, and a catered dinner at Lutherlyn on October 6th. If you would like to be a patron of any of these special productions, please talk to Rita Reifenstein or Pastor Johns.



500 Card Club – will meet this month on **Friday, February 2nd 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.



Many thanks to those who participated in our fourth season of

St. Peter's Charity Fantasy Football League.

Congratulations goes to: Matt Otto with proceeds benefiting St. Peter's Softball Team

- 2nd place overall was Pastor Johns



Food Drive – Thank you to everyone who donated cereal in January!

In February, we will focus on collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly for the Food Cupboard, using the same table, as we look to make our anniversary year a celebration of service.





# Financial Facts

## December 2023 Contributions:

Fund Description	Amount
203 Advent	205.00
204 W.E.L.C.A.	5.00
212 Food Cupboard	70.00
213 Synod Benevolence	1,656.00
221 ELCA Bethesda	85.00
242 EDCO Park	10.00
245 Batten Disease	600.00
280 Window Coverings	1,350.00
400 Current Fund Income	17,386.00
401 Music Fund Income	18.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	675.00
403 MIF Endowment (M.M.)	60,970.80
405 Flower Income	624.00
406 Youth Fund Income	515.00
407 Priority Project Income	5,325.00
408 After School Program Income	1,298.00
410 Campership Income	673.00
412 Manna Night	20.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>91,485.80</b>



**A Financial Update** – To keep everyone informed about our current financial situation, the reconciled treasurers report of our current fund as of the end of December 2023 is as follows:

Current Fund \$16,275.07

Memorial Fund \$6,164.74

Youth Fund \$9,170.17

Manna Fund \$4,456.32

Priority Project Fund \$15,266.19

After School Program \$10,588.57

Many thanks to those who continue to give to these funds which give us the ability to serve Christ and others.

## 2023 Contributions to Date

Fund Description	Amount
203 Advent	285.00
204 W.E.L.C.A.	437.00
206 Madagascar	629.66
208 Lutheran Campus Ministries	25.00
211 Meals on Wheels	70.00
212 Food Cupboard	1,914.86
213 Synod Benevolence	16,399.50
214 ELCA World Hunger Appeal	300.00
215 ELCA Lutheran World Relief	20.00
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	165.00
218 Lutheran Service Society	112.50
219 ELCA Glade Run	65.00
221 ELCA Bethesda	85.00
222 Passavant Retire, Zelie	45.00
228 Seminary	60.00
234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary	175.00
240 Evans City Library	147.50
241 Evans City Fire Department	130.00
242 EDCO Park	455.00
244 ALS of Western PA	2,474.00
245 Batten Disease	860.00
280 Window Coverings	23,188.89
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	11,865.00
400 Current Fund Income	171,259.50
401 Music Fund Income	696.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	1,375.00
403 MIF Endowment (M.M.)	60,970.80
405 Flower Income	3,619.00
406 Youth Fund Income	2,822.30
407 Priority Project Income	21,609.00
408 After School Program Income	19,617.00
410 Campership Income	4,877.47
412 Manna Night	1,464.70
413 Applefest	6,258.00
414 Heating System Income	195.00
440 Softball Team Income	600.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>355,272.68</b>

### Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for February

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



**Our Lenten Special Offerings** will go toward Lutherlyn's capital campaign and helping to defray the cost of bringing the President of the Toliara Synod in Madagascar to Evans City for a visit!

## Thoughts & Prayers

Cole Barkley  
 John, Summer, Timothy Barron & Family  
 Amanda Barron  
 Helen Barto  
 Herb Brittner  
 Steve Brittner  
 Dave Brockhoff  
 Tom Broeren  
 Jane Brown  
 Kay Burr  
 Cindy Caldwell (*breast cancer*)  
 Jane Carruth (*Colon Cancer - B.Barkley*)  
 Luke Clawson  
 Jimmy Dapper  
 David English (*Lung Cancer*)  
 Diane Fair  
 Bob & Joan Ferringer  
 Mary, Glenn, and David Fulghum  
 Lori Goodwin  
 Joan Gump  
 Bill Head  
 Casey Hogan  
 Ella Jason  
 Greg John  
 Carol Kerr  
 Val Kurth (*Breast Cancer*)  
 Todd Manuel (*blood cancer*)



Diane Marburger  
 Karen Marburger  
 Jane Mashuda  
 Jenny Mashuda  
 Mia Maust  
 Diamond McCracken  
 Matt & Kim Morris  
 Mark Phillips  
 Erin Price  
 Bill Puryear (*cancer*)  
 Barb Rader  
 Lori Rasp  
 Rick Reifenstein  
 Lynn Schweinegruber  
 Carol Smith (*Cancer*)  
 Judy Smith  
 Tammy Dauben Speck (*Breast Cancer*)  
 Carrie Sphar (*cancer – from: Cheryl Thomas*)  
 Jane Taylor  
 Cathy VanDyke (*Robin Van Dyke's Sister-In-Law*)  
 Liam Wahl (*infant in need of heart transplant*)  
 Glenn Walker  
 Mary Watson  
 Bob Wearing  
 Garrie Wearing  
 John & Kay Yuengert (*submitted by Karen Ferrari*)  
 Nancy & Butch Zattiero

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND**

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

Carol Green	Ruth Rasp
Norma Iman	Ginni Rinkus
Lucille Wingard	

### **INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF**

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

The family of John Reinhart  
 The family of Mary Belle McMillen

## St Peter's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Present:** Pastor Johns, Linda Schmidt, Jane Taylor, Corey Walker, Ted Lindgren, Staci Bettencourt, Dan Erin, Casey Guerriero, Rita Reifenstein, Marlene Domhoff, Adam Price, and Rob Burr

**Absent (excused):** Patti Flach

**Visitors:** Dan Vichek and Andy Rider

Pastor Johns called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm and led us in devotions of peace. Dan Vichek and Andy Rider came to talk to Council about the current situation with the Cub Scouts. There was a motion to continue Pack 399 here (St. Peter's ministry) while they are hiatus, freezing all of their accounts until Fall of 2024 (the new school year). Ted motioned to accept this, Rita 2<sup>nd</sup> this.

**Minutes:** December 2023 minutes were read. Changes were made so that the meeting ended at 8:40pm. Ted motioned to accept the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita. Motion carried.

**Election of Officers:** Dan nominated Adam Price to be the new Council President, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Ted nominated himself to be the new Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey. Marlene nominated Patti to continue being the Council Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Ted nominated Colleen (Financial Secretary) and Heidi (Treasurer) to continue their roles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey.

**Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary Report:** Written reports submitted. We exceeded our Synod Benevolence goal. Ted motioned to accept the reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan.

**Pastor's Report:** Written report submitted. Pastor's family is going to Disney is later this month. Pastor might be relieved of interim duties. There might be possible new members, Pastor is meeting with them on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Fellowship:** Fellowship met on January 8<sup>th</sup>. They have made a calendar of events for this year.

Fish Fry- March 8<sup>th</sup>, Pirate Game- June 8<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, Cornhole Tournament- June 29<sup>th</sup>, Graduation Recognition- June 12<sup>th</sup>, Church Picnic- June 9<sup>th</sup>, Corn Roast- August 10<sup>th</sup>, Applefest- All weekends of September, Pumpkin Fest- October 19<sup>th</sup>, Turkey Dinner- November 16th

**Finance:** Moved through paperwork of endowment gift from Good Shephard Church. We are far along in the process.

**Learning Ministry/Youth:** We had a successful Christmas program! Things are going well. There is a joint youth outing coming up.

**Memorial:** No meeting. They will be having a meeting soon.

**Mutual Ministry:** No meeting. Nothing to report.

**Property:** Written report submitted. \$91,000 proposal to paint the nave. They are looking into doing a sidewalk steps project by the choir room due to safety concerns. This project will also give access to the handicap parking lot, a railing would also be needed. So far there are two bids (\$14,500 and \$12,500). We would like to get another bid for this project. Council is making the recommendation to make the sidewalk steps more of a priority and to get more bids.

**Music & Worship:** Written report submitted. They are planning out for Lent. Looking back, Advent and Christmas went well, and everything looked great. They are finalizing the alter guild schedule. People seem to prefer "at the altar" for communion. We are thinking of doing intinction for larger gatherings/holidays.

**Anniversary Committee:** One month away from the kickoff with the Bishop. February 11<sup>th</sup> will be the luncheon to welcome the Bishop. We are asking people to bring a dish to share. It is the start of the 175<sup>th</sup> year of the church. October 6<sup>th</sup> will be the big dinner held at Lutherlyn. There will also be a powerpoint presentation at the dinner. There will also be a history book, recognition of 90-year-old birthdays and Jane Brown turning 100. There are patrons for the committee, 7 Thrivent cards have been used so far. They are also coming up with a t-shirt for the 175th anniversary.

**Unfinished Business:** No update for the Constitution update. Congregational/Bulletin of Reports will be held February 4<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided by Council. Reports need to be submitted by the different committees ASAP.

**New Business:**

Assignments for the committees:

Mutual Ministry = Jane, Dan, and Rita

Financial = Ted, Marlene, Dan

Worship and Music = Marlene, Adam, Linda

Property = Rob and Corey

Learning = Casey, Patti, Staci

Memorial = Adam

Fellowship = Casey and Ted

Ted motioned to approve Pastor's furnishing allowance in the same amount as 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita.

**Miscellaneous:** Nothing to report.

Ted motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Guerriero

**2024 Congregation Council**

<b>Adam Price</b>	<b>President</b> Worship Memorial
<b>Ted Lindgren III</b>	<b>Vice President</b> Fellowship Finance
<b>Patti Flach</b>	<b>Secretary</b> Learning
<b>Staci Bettencourt</b>	Learning
<b>Rob Burr</b>	Property
<b>Marlene Domhoff</b>	Worship Finance
<b>Dan Erin</b>	Mutual Ministry Finance
<b>Casey Guerriero</b>	Learning Fellowship
<b>Rita Reifenstein</b>	Mutual Ministry
<b>Linda Schmidt</b>	Worship
<b>Jane Taylor</b>	Mutual Ministry
<b>Corey Walker</b>	Property
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<i>Heidi Beahm</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Colleen Prenovitz</i>	<i>Financial Secretary</i>



**February Council Meeting:**

Due to Shrove Tuesday falling on our usual meeting day, our monthly meeting will shift to the following Tuesday, which is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is always welcome to attend.

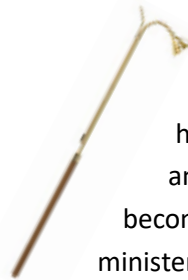
## Worship News and Volunteers

Date	02/04/2024	02/11/2024	02/18/2024	02/25/2024
<b>Acolytes</b>	Penelope Erin	Seth Price	Owen Price	Luke Zoelle
<b>Altar Flowers (\$40)</b>	Lucille Wingard	Jane Taylor	Patti & Charlie Flach	Karen Ferrari
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Capella	Pat Capella	Pat Capella	Pat Capella
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Teresa O'Malley	N/A	Ted Lindgren II	Anna Plank
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Joe Ludwik	Wes Schmidt	Adam Price	Jason Plank
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Robin Van Dyke	Teresa O'Malley	Ted Lindgren II	Ted Lindgren III
<b>Eternal Candle (\$15)</b>	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley
<b>Greeters</b>	Denny & Inez Schmidt	Heinie & Mary Jane Raupp	Pam Volz Cheryl Thomas	Rick & Rita Reifenstein
<b>Lector</b>	Troy Barkley	N/A	Karen Ferrari	Charlie Flach
<b>Nursery</b>	Staci Bettencourt	Beverly Barkley	Cheryl Thomas	Marge Lindgren
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Dan Erin & Rob Burr	Dan Erin & Rob Burr	Dan Erin & Rob Burr	Dan Erin & Rob Burr
<b>Tech Support</b>	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy & Tom Ayers	Dan & Casey Guerriero	Heidi Beahm & Brian Johns	Troy Barkley & Dean Zinkhann

### Bell Ringer Team!



## Ways you can **SERVE**



Anyone, third grade and older interesting in learning how to acolyte or teens and adults interested in becoming lectors, assisting ministers, ushers, bell ringers, please see Pastor and we'll schedule a training when it works for those interested.



# February Calendar

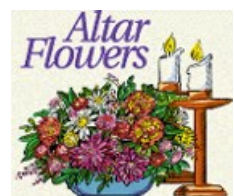
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 9am - Quilters Group 1pm - Mary Circle 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	2 12pm - 500 Club & Lunch 4pm - After School	3
4 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Bulletin of 12pm - Bell Choir	5 4pm - After School 6:30pm - Fellowship 7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:30pm - Anniversary	6 9am - Pr. Cluster -Zelie. 4pm - After School 7pm - Property Mtg.	7 9am - E.C. Ministerium 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	8 9am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	9 4pm - After School	10 4pm - SPY Event
11 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Church 11:45am - Pack Up Food 12pm - Bell Choir	12 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts	13 Shrove Tuesday 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Pancake and 7pm - Talent Show 8pm - Burial of the	14 Ash Wednesday 11am - Service at Zion 4pm - After School 7pm - Worship Service	15 9am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	16 4pm - After School	17 5pm - Jr. SPY 6:30pm - Game Night
18 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 12pm - Bell Choir	19 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts 7pm - Sowers	20 4pm - After School 7pm - Council Meeting	21 12pm - Lunch Bunch 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	22 9am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	23 4pm - After School	24
25 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 12pm - Bell Choir	26 4pm - After School 6:30pm - Worship Mtg. 7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts	27 4pm - After School 7pm - Dorcas Circle	28 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	29 9am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	1	2



Please mark your calendars for our annual Lenten Fish Fry. It will be held on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4 - 6:30 pm this year. Volunteers and donations are always welcome! Debbie Merrison is the chairperson for the Fellowship Committee this year, so please take a moment to talk with her if you have any questions, would like to help, or have other ideas for fellowship activities in the coming year. Thank you!



2024 Sign up for sponsoring the altar flowers, eternal candle, and the monthly newsletter can be found at the table outside of the nave or by calling or emailing the church office.



## After School Program Hoagie Fundraiser

St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
After School Program  
Hoagie Fundraiser



Orders Due Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Pick up Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

Name:

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Phone Number:

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**8" Hoagies packaged in individual containers**  
**(lettuce, tomato & dressing are bagged separately)**

Regular Hoagie: Bologna, Ham, Hard Salami, American Cheese	Italian Hoagie: Capicola, Pepperoni, Salami	Turkey & Provolone Cheese	Total # of Hoagies Ordered

Total Due  
(\$7 each)

### Our After School Program

Is currently home to 13 students after school daily. After students arrive they pray together and enjoy a snack before homework time begins. Our students enjoy crafts, games, a creative dramatic play area (currently a medical clinic), and hands on activities such as playdough, magnetix, gears, etc.

If you know of anyone who is in need of after school childcare please have them reach out to the church at 724-538-5810.



We will also host summer camp again this year. Dates for camp are planned as follows:

June 10-14

June 17-21

August 12-16

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Pastor Brandon Johns

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*Organist / Music Director*

Joe Ludwik, *Sexton*

Heidi Beahm,  
*After School Director*

# FEBRUARY

The Sunday Bulletin Deadline is  
Wednesdays at 10am

Monthly Newsletter Deadline is the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

Beginning September 10th

Sunday School = 9am

Weekly Worship Service = Sundays at 10:15am

Check Our Weekly Calendar of other events.

**Office Hours for Secretary:**

**Monday thru Friday 9am—noon**

# Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2024

*This newsletter is sponsored by Talea & Chris Merrison  
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