

St. Peter's Post 2/1/24

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



From the Pastor:

"[Jesus said:] 'But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.'" Luke 6:35-38a

Already, the girls have started making their Valentines. Kate even handed some out. My friend Seth came to the house coincidentally on the same day she was working on her school Valentines. She had extra and isn't one to hold back. Even that sweetness isn't enough to ease the feeling of dread that resurfaces when I think about being in school in February. I know my elementary and junior high school angst surrounding Valentine's Day was over-the-top dramatic, but it was how I felt nonetheless. I wonder if things would have been different if I had grown up in Japan.

If you didn't know, although culturally Japanese females weren't supposed to be the instigators of relationships, the introduction of the Valentine's Day holiday in the 1960s reversed that expectation, at least for that one day. Seeing a business opportunity, a Japanese chocolate company introduced the secular concept of Valentine's Day to their country without the connection to early Christianity and Roman persecution. It would just be a holiday about sharing your love with others, especially by giving chocolates.

To maximize love-sharing, and hence chocolate purchasing profits, the recipients didn't (and still don't) have to just be the person you're romantically interested in, friendship and family loves are encouraged to be expressed on Valentine's Day through gift-giving as well. Would this have been better for me growing up? Probably not. I don't like chocolate so that would've just been on full display for everyone to notice my oddity, and I probably would've felt like Charlie Brown at Christmas who complains about being unhappy because it's made painfully aware that everyone is getting cards when he isn't. It's better being grown up.

You might be wondering how it came to be that the women give the chocolates and gifts, despite strong cultural norms in Japan against women being forward and Valentine's Day in America carrying the tradition of men taking the lead. It comes down to translation error. The chocolate company wanted to use American slogans, but messed up the conversation from American English to Japanese. Instead of the English slogan, "Giving chocolates on Valentines Day is a way for men to express love to women," the translation reversed the words *women* and *men*, and a new, culture-bending tradition was born. Words are powerful, so translating is too. In Japan, it lead to a complete reversal of custom on Valentine's Day. For us, it means understanding the roots of key concepts of our faith, like mercy.

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When we read the Bible or listen to it, it is important to remember that it wasn't written down in English originally, not even King James English. Translation out of ancient versions of Hebrew and Greek were made for us. Even keeping that in mind, it would be easy to assume that every time we read the word "mercy" in the Bible, it's just the English word translated exactly from the Hebrew or Greek word that means mercy. In fact, it's a little more complicated than that. Mostly the New Testament Koine Greek sticks to one word that we translate as "mercy." However, the Hebrew uses several words with different senses that end up being rendered "mercy" or other words in slightly different contexts.

One of the most frequently used Hebrew words for mercy is *hesed* (or *chesed* or *khesed*). This word for mercy is also often translated as "loving-kindness" which is one of the Hebrew Bible's key attributes of God. That's a pretty big deal, because it means that mercy isn't just something that God grants or does, but in the eyes of the Scriptures, it is a main component of who God is. The first epistle of John is right in saying God is love, but it's helpful for us to remember that an important facet of love is mercy. God's *hesed* mercy towards us is rooted and displayed in love. Within that concept is also loyalty and faithfulness. Taken together, it's all about God's dedication to relationship with us and all of God's people. Prophets reminded the Israelites that God's *hesed* stayed true over countless generations, which is to say that God entered into covenant to love and support people and would stay faithful to that promise and relationship. It's a mercy of God to do so, since God is the Creator of the Universe and we are mere mortals, and it takes the forgiveness kind of God's mercy to maintain that relationship, since we are sinful and God is holy.

Another common Hebrew word for mercy is *racham*, which in the Greek is *eleos*, the word from the New Testament that is almost exclusively used when we read the English word "mercy" there. This word is also rooted in a kind of love. The *racham* or *eleos* kind of mercy flows from the loving bond that is meant to tie all people together. From this deep love for our fellow human being no matter who they are or where they are, comes a feeling of disgust, regret, and need to act when we encounter suffering. Sometimes this is called compassion, which is a synonym from *racham/eleos* mercy. God reacts to our suffering mercifully by sending us Jesus, whose death and resurrection save us, give us hope, and free us from fear. Mercy is a response of compassionate love and is itself both a call to action and part of the action being taken.

This Valentine's Day, really all month, year, and life-long, let's remember that mercy is rooted in love. It is an integral part of who God is and who God calls us to be, as creatures made in the image and likeness of God. Like a mix-up in translation can transform a whole culture, mercy can transform whole lives. May the loving-kindness and compassion, the mercy, of God never get lost in translation, and may our words and actions clearly communicate that love-rooted mercy to others, even better than chocolates on Valentine's Day.

Note - Japan Valentine's Day: The time of chocolate and "I Love You" and Harper Collins Bible Dictionary ("mercy" entry) were referenced the writing of this month's newsletter article. Check them out for more details.



As you'll see later in the newsletter, on Sunday, January 26th (my actual 40th birthday), over a hundred of my best friends came to celebrate the day with me, and others who couldn't be here sent in cards and messages. Thank you to everyone who made the day special through hard work, hanging out with me, cards, gifts, prayers, and kind words! I am genuinely moved by the outpouring of love that I received that day, but I also know that 40 is one among a string of blessed days because I know that each and every day I am loved in such an amazing way. Thank you!

WELCA SOUP SALE



Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the 2025 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 our Pastor's Discretionary Fund for a local family and to the Madagascar project (an Internet Café in Toliara which will support pastor's widows).

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



MORE BLESSINGS



Soup

Thanks to the many hands that made this sale possible, we are proud to say that the soup and bread sales raised over \$2,000. Many thanks to our women's group (WELCA) for organizing the fundraiser!



BAPTISM

On Sunday, January 5, 2025
Brittany Nicole Green joined our church family through
Holy Baptism followed by her first Holy Communion.

Many of Brittany's family attended to see out what was
on her Christmas wish list as she was baptized the
second Sunday of Christmas.

WELCOME BRITTANY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



On Sunday, January 26th a luncheon was hosted by the fellowship committee for Pastor Johns in celebration of his 40th birthday. Sharing a birthday with Pastor Johns is the SMILING Cindy Ayres. Yes, it was a birthday miracle! Thank you Cindy for sharing your beautiful smile with all of us and for helping with the luncheon as well.



CORRESPONDENCE



Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Mark 16:15

Warm and hopeful New Year greetings from United Lutheran Seminary! As we step into this new year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your recent donation. Your partnership is instrumental in sustaining our operations and ensuring that our mission thrives.

At ULS, we continue to expand our understanding of community. Our mission is not limited to serving one type of student or degree. We are committed to providing transformative theological education to everyone—whether through degree programs, distance learning, or our Kindling Faith events. This inclusive approach is only possible thanks to your support.

With deep appreciation and best wishes for a blessed year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Conor Brooks'.

Conor Brooks, CFRE

To the Carolers at St. Peter's,

My husband and I want to thank all of you for making our evening wonderful. We enjoyed listening to your beautiful voices. We felt so special. Merry Christmas to all of you and God Bless.

Pat & Vicki Sammons



Dear Kids,

Thank you so much for the plate of cookies. It was very thoughtful of you. They were delicious and you did a great job decorating them. Keep up the good work!

Once again, thank you and God Bless.

Sharon Lintz



Dear Friends,

Thank you for making a difference at Lutherlyn! It is friends like you who make it possible for Lutherlyn to keep our vitally important promise to never turn a child away from summer camp for financial reasons.

By supporting Lutherlyn you are ensuring that all children, regardless of their financial circumstance, can attend summer camp at Lutherlyn where they learn how to be Christ's light in the world.

Your recent gift of \$45 goes further than just helping kids get to camp. As their time at Lutherlyn draws to a close, we challenge each camper to take Christ's love into their communities and to shine their light everywhere they go. Through them, your gift is a blessing to their families, friends, and communities.

Each year, registrations for summer camp programs arrive at the Lutherlyn office, and with these registrations we also receive requests for camperships. It is thanks to you, and people like you, that these requests will be approved.

We are truly grateful for your dedication to this ministry and for the many Life-Changing Adventures in Faith you have made possible for campers this summer at Lutherlyn!

A handwritten 'Thank you!' in a cursive, flowing script.

Yours in Ministry,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deb'.

Deacon Deb Roberts
Executive Director

SPECIAL EVENTS, OUTREACH & BIRTHDAYS

EVENTS Mark Your Calendar

Sundays in February

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship

Wednesdays in February

10:00 am Community Quilters
5:30 pm Manna Night
7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice

Thursdays in February

9:00 am Quilting
7:00 pm Bible Study

February 22

6:30 pm Game Night

2 Amy Hogle

4 Mark Acre

4 Nathan Anthony

4 Julia Lingenfelter

14 Lloyd Green

21 Paisley Green

21 Ted Lindgren II

22 Yumalai Contreras

25 Charles W. Harbaugh

26 Teresa O'Malley

26 McKenzie Lindgren



2025 Sign up for sponsoring the altar flowers, eternal candle, and the monthly newsletter can be found on the bulletin board in Luther Hall or by calling the church office.

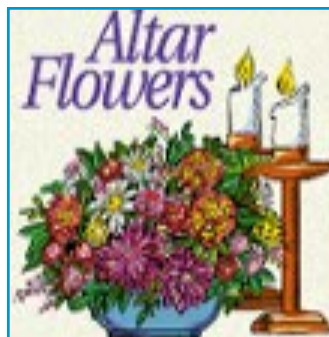


Dear St. Peter's,
Thank you for your generous donation to the library. Your support helps us to continue serving our community.



February 22nd 6:30 pm

Bring your favorite game to share and challenge Pastor. If you beat Pastor at your own game, then you win a prize! Or just come for the fun and snacks! All are welcome.



Dear St. Peter's,

Thank you for your participation in the Glade Run Lutheran Services Christmas Angel Program. Your support and generosity has made a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

May this new year hold many blessing for you and your loved ones.

Many thanks for you continued prayers and contributions.

Steven Green, President/ CEO

and the children, families and staff of Glade Run



March 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join your church family and friends for the monthly Lutheran lunch outing **Wednesday, February 12 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.



February 2 is known in our area for being Groundhog Day. However, it's also an ancient Christian Festival, the Presentation of Jesus, because forty days after Jesus was born (celebrated on 12/25), Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated. This festival marks the end of the "Season of Light," Christmas and Epiphany, and so the tradition of bringing candles to bless for the

year attached itself to this festival. It became known as the Mass of the Candles, or **Candlemas**. Since it marks the end of the Christmas and Epiphany season, Candlemas is the time to take down nativity scenes and other decorations or they should be left up all year, according to tradition. **Since February 2 falls on a Sunday this year, we will celebrate Candlemas.** You are welcome to bring candles to bless.

Also, there is a tradition from France of having crepes on Candlemas, so **we will have a potluck "breakfast for lunch" after worship.** Everyone is invited to share their favorite breakfast casserole or other dish, and that will be the meal for our annual congregational meeting.



500 Card Club – will meet this month on **Friday, February 7th 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.



Food Drive – Thank you to everyone who donated peanut butter and jelly in January

In February, we will focus on collecting Cereal for the Food Cupboard.



Financial Facts

December 2024 Contributions:

Fund Description	Amount
203 Advent	330.00
212 Food Cupboard	50.00
213 Synod Benevolence	1,226.70
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	5.00
221 ELCA Bethesda	86.00
223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response	100.00
242 EDCO Park	10.00
245 Batten Disease	550.00
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	2,020.00
400 Current Fund Income	17,824.06
401 Music Fund Income	113.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	500.00
405 Flower Income	642.00
406 Youth Fund Income	705.00
407 Priority Project Income	860.00
408 After School Program Income	1,535.00
410 Campership Income	685.00
412 Manna Night	55.00
413 Applefest	60.00
Grand Total	27,356.76

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



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 2024 is as follows:

Current Fund \$4,428.70

Memorial Fund \$9,619.74

Youth Fund \$10,350.72

Manna Fund \$5,000.67

Priority Project Fund \$1,932.23

After School Program \$8,897.68

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

2024 Contributions to Date

Fund Description	Amount
202 American Cancer Society	12.00
203 Advent	355.00
204 W.E.L.C.A.	775.00
206 Madagascar	1,240.87
208 Lutheran Campus Ministries	20.00
211 Meals on Wheels	110.00
212 Food Cupboard	3,516.20
213 Synod Benevolence	14,171.65
215 ELCA Lutheran World Relief	25.00
216 ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief	20.00
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	2,409.00
218 Lutheran Service Society	56.00
219 ELCA Glade Run	81.00
221 ELCA Bethesda	86.00
222 Passavant Retire, Zelig	43.00
223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response	1,250.00
228 Seminary	56.00
234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary	180.00
240 Evans City Library	288.00
241 Evans City Fire Department	136.00
242 EDCO Park	450.50
244 ALS of Western PA	2,074.69
245 Batten Disease	550.00
280 Window Coverings	7,276.00
296 Fundraiser for Comm Cause	1,365.00
297 Cub Scout Pack 399	1,185.11
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	2,040.00
400 Current Fund Income	159,855.17
401 Music Fund Income	1,037.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	5,455.00
405 Flower Income	3,706.00
406 Youth Fund Income	1,293.80
407 Priority Project Income	31,806.65
408 After School Program Income	17,895.00
410 Campership Income	5,903.05
412 Manna Night	1,338.55
413 Applefest	8,078.00
440 Softball Team Income	1,285.00
Grand Total	277,425.24



Would you like to make contributions to St. Peter's online? You can! Electronic Giving is an alternative way of giving to St. Peter's. If you are interested in giving in this way you will need to download the TITHE.LY app. or long into TITHE.LY using the link provided on our website. After you download the app or log into the web page you will need to set up an account and select St. Peter's Lutheran Church and the "Give Now" option. If you have any questions please call or e-mail the church or see Heidi Beahm.

Thoughts & Prayers

Vickie Baker
Cole Barkley
Troy Barkley
John, Summer, Timothy Barron & Family
Ricky Benson
Dave Brockhoff
(open heart surgery – Robin VanDyke)

Tom Broeren
Jane Brown
Kay Burr
Lisa Burr
Reid Caldwell (ALS)
Jane Carruth (Colon Cancer - B.Barkley)
Luke Clawson
Michael Clawson
Robertta Domhoff
David English (Lung Cancer)
Diane Fair
Mary, Glenn, and David Fulghum
Lori Goodwin
Joan Gump
Patty Grubbs
Bill Head
Annastyn Hogan
Stephanie Hogan
Ella Jason
Greg John
Carol Kerr
Val Kurth (Breast Cancer)



PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

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

Gini Rinkus



Todd Manuel (*blood cancer*)

Diane Marburger
Joe Marburger
Joseph Marburger
Rick Marburger
Jane Mashuda
Diamond McCracken
Matt Morris
Mark Phillips
Erin Price
Bill Puryear (*cancer*)
Barb Rader
Lori Rasp
Dylan Rast
Rick Reifenstein
Audrey Smith
Judy Smith



(breathing issues – from: Teresa O'Malley)

Carrie Spahr (*cancer – from: Cheryl Thomas*)
Jane Taylor
Cathy VanDyke
(Robin Van Dyke's Sister-In-Law)
Liam Wahl (*infant in need of heart transplant*)
Glen Walker
Mary Watson
Bob Wearing
Garrie Wearing

INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

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

The families of:

Blaine Miller, Patricia Van Dyke,
Norma Iman, Lucille Wingard,
Charleen Lippencott

St Peter's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council Meeting held via Zoom January 13th, 2025

Present: Patti Flach, Pastor Johns, Cindy Ayres, Staci Bettencourt, Adam Price, Linda Schmidt, Jane Taylor, Robin Plank, Casey Guerriero, Rita Reifenstein, Dan Erin, and Corey Walker

Absent: Janice Hogan

Reception of visitors: None

President Adam Price called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm. Pastor Johns read from the "Book of Concord". This year's theme will focus on the topic of mercy.

Minutes: Minutes from the December 10th, 2024 Council Meeting were read and approved. Cindy motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Rita. Motion carried.

Officer Election: Casey nominated Adam to be Council President for another year, this was seconded by Jane. Adam nominated Casey to be Council Vice President. This was seconded by Dan. Jane nominated Patti to be Council Secretary for another year. This was seconded by Dan. Adam nominated Heidi Beahm to be Treasurer. This was seconded by Dan. Jane nominated Colleen Prenovitz to be Financial Secretary. This was seconded by Dan.

Pastor's Report: A detailed and written report was submitted. Discussion followed. December was a busy month with Advent, Christmas services, and unfortunately funerals. Pastor is hoping for a healthy 2025.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary: Written reports were submitted. We discussed other online payment methods. Financial committee will discuss this further. Flower fund was in the negative last year. There were approximately 10 weeks with no payment. There will be more reminders in 2025 about paying for flowers in a timely manner. There is also the option to only buy one vase instead of both. If you buy one vase it will be \$20. Patti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Cindy. Motion approved.

Financial: Meeting next week.

Fellowship: Meeting was canceled due to weather. Fellowship will be meeting in February. The next thing they will be working on is congregational reports lunch (potluck). Members are encouraged to bring breakfast food items.

Learning Ministry: Meeting coming up soon. Manna Night will be starting back next week.

Memorial: No meeting.

Mutual Ministry: No meeting.

Property: Written report submitted. Vic Pfeffer and Corey Walker will be looking at the breaker box downstairs to work on some issues it had during the Christmas season. Property committee is currently working on getting bids to get work done in the basement bathrooms. Work was done on the boilers, they are to see what the cost was. The parsonage roof was fixed and the lower than what was previously quoted. However, there is damage and ceilings due to the roof leakage that will need further action



Worship and Music: Met on January 13th. Candlemas will be February 2nd and Easter is on April 20th. They are looking into doing a Boy Scout Sunday in February. The pianos got tuned.

Sewers: They are working on making adult bib/clothing protectors for Passavant. Today they were able to send 28.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Church Constitution: No update.

Clothing cupboard: WELCA and Colleen will be having a meeting to discuss what to do with the clothing cupboard.

New business:

Committee Assignments: Finance- Dan, Adam, and Robin
Mutual- Rita and Jane
Worship- Adam and Linda
Learning- Casey, Staci, and Patti

Jan will decide on a later date what committee she chooses to participate in. She was unable to attend the meeting to-night.

Orientation: Pastor asked if we would like to get new council members together for an orientation on what it is like to be on council. New council members were comfortable with moving forward without having a meeting.

Pastor Furnishing Allowance: Approval through vote. Patti motioned for Pastor to have \$2,000 set aside from his salary for his furnishing allowance. This was seconded by Staci. Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2025 at 7pm.

Adjournment and Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Adam moved to adjourn, seconded by Casey. Motion carried. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Guerriero

2025 Congregation Council

Adam Price	President Worship Memorial
Casey Guerriero	Vice President Learning Fellowship
Patti Flach	Secretary Learning
Jan Hogan	Fellowship
Staci Bettencourt	Learning
Robin Plank	Property Finance
Cindy Ayres	Fellowship
Dan Erin	Mutual Ministry Finance
Rita Reifenstein	Mutual Ministry
Linda Schmidt	Worship
Jane Taylor	Mutual Ministry
Corey Walker	Property
Heidi Beahm	Treasurer
Colleen Prenovitz	Financial Secretary



Worship News and Volunteers

Date	02/02/2025	02/09/2025	02/16/2025	02/23/2025
Acolytes	Volunteer	Penelope Erin	Owen Price	Luke Zoelle
Altar Flowers (\$20/vase)	Luann Brosius (1 vase)	Luann Brosius Debbie & Jim Merrison	Patti & Charlie Flach	Karen Ferrari
Altar Guild	Pat Capella	Pat Capella	Pat Capella	Pat Capella
Asst. Minister	Ted Lindgren II	Teresa O'Malley	Robin Van Dyke	Glenn Fulghum
Bell Ringer	Wes Schmidt	Jason Plank	Joe Ludwik	Davin Beahm
Communion Ministers	Robin Van Dyke	Ted Lindgren III	Debbie Merrison	Ted Lindgren III
Eternal Candle (\$15)	Luann Brosius	Luann Brosius	Luann Brosius	Luann Brosius
Greeters	Michael & Staci Bettencourt	Heinie & Mary Jane Raupp	Walt & Amy Gregorovich	Dan & Casey Guerriero
Lector	Marsha Reedy	Jane Taylor	Becky Rengers	Charlie Flach
Nursery	Staci Bettencourt	Emily Taylor	Beverly Barkley	Marge Lindgren
Offering Counters	Michael Bettencourt & Jan Hogan	Michael Bettencourt & Jan Hogan	Michael Bettencourt & Jan Hogan	Michael Bettencourt & Jan Hogan
Tech Support	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm
Ushers	Dan & Casey Guerriero	Dan Erin & Rob Burr	Heidi Beahm & Brian Johns	Joe Ludwik & Dean Zinkhann



A special thank you to these ladies and the other members of St. Peter's altar guild for volunteering their time to make sure our worship services are ready to go each week.

The altar guild is looking for a few more volunteers to join their team. You don't have to have experience, just a willingness to learn and a commitment to volunteer one month or more a year if you like. You can even partner with a current altar guild member to learn what is needed. See Pastor Johns if you are willing to help on altar guild.



February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Breakfast 11:45am -	3 4pm - After School 6:30pm - Fellowship 7pm - Boy Scouts	4 9am - Pr. Cluster -Zelie. 4pm - After School 7pm - Property Mtg.	5 9am - E.C. Ministerium 10am - Community 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	6 10am - Quilters Group 1pm - Mary Circle 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	7 12pm - 500 Club & Lunch 4pm - After School	8
9 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 11:45am - Pack Up Food	10 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy Scouts	11 4pm - After School 7pm - Council Meeting	12 10am - Community 12pm - Lunch Bunch 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	13 10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	14 4pm - After School 6pm - Rehearsal 	15 4pm - Brenda and Gary
16 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 12pm - Bell Choir	17 7pm - Boy Scouts	18 4pm - After School 7pm - Learning Ministries	19 10am - Community 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	20 10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	21 4pm - After School	22 1pm - Luther Hall 6:30pm - Game Night
23 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 12pm - Bell Choir	24 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Worship Mtg.	25 4pm - After School 7pm - Dorcas Circle	26 10am - Community 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	27 10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	28 4pm - After School	1



 Thank You Ladies!

A special thanks to everyone who gathered together to make clothing protectors for residents at Passavant Retirement Community who can benefit from them. They were made to honor the memory of Helen Barto who started the project when Agnes Watson, her mother, was a resident at Passavant and Helen saw a need for them. St. Peter's "sowers" stepped up to help with the project then and were back at it again in January to make sure the tradition of helping others in this way continues. Many blessings to all who receive a clothing protector and the hands that made that possible.

After School Program



A vibrant poster for Kids Summer Camps. At the top, two circular date markers indicate the sessions: 'JUNE 9-13' in a red circle and 'JUNE 16-20' in a green circle. The main title 'KIDS SUMMER CAMPS' is written in large, bold, blue letters with a black outline. Below this, a purple banner contains the text 'ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH' and '202 VAN BUREN ST. EVANS CITY' in yellow. Underneath the banner, the text 'Outdoor Games, Swimming, Community Park Adventures, Library Time, and more!' is written in red. Below that, in smaller text, it says 'June 16-20 includes a 9-noon option for Morning Manna Kids Time too!'. The pricing 'Full day 7:30 am - 5:30 pm \$150 week' is displayed in large black letters. At the bottom left, 'REGISTER NOW!' is written in large, bold, blue letters with a black outline. To the right of this text is a QR code. At the very bottom, a purple bar contains the email 'stpeterslcec@zoominternet.net' and an orange bar contains the text 'For more info: (724) 538-5810'.

JUNE 9-13 **KIDS SUMMER CAMPS** **JUNE 16-20**

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
202 VAN BUREN ST. EVANS CITY

**Outdoor Games, Swimming, Community Park Adventures,
Library Time, and more!**

June 16-20 includes a 9-noon option for Morning Manna Kids Time too!

Full day 7:30 am - 5:30 pm \$150 week

REGISTER NOW!

stpeterslcec@zoominternet.net For more info: (724) 538-5810

Our After School Program

Is currently home to 9 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 9-13 & June 17-20



Would you like to help with our Morning Manna Program this year? We need help with snacks, crafts, games, science, music, crew leaders (teen & up), and more. Let Pastor or Heidi know where you would like to help and we will sign you up as a volunteer! Many hands make light work! We need your help as we take this safari adventure together.

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Heidi Beahm,
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Marlene Domhoff,
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Joe Ludwik, *Sexton*

Kimberly Peaco,
Secretary

FEBRUARY

The Sunday Bulletin Deadline is
Wednesdays at 10 am

Monthly Newsletter Deadline is the
3rd Sunday of each month

Sunday School at 9 am

Weekly Worship Service on Sundays at 10:15 am

Check Our Weekly Calendar of other events.

Office Hours for Secretary:

Monday thru Friday 9 am—noon

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