

St. Peter's Post 11/1/24

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



From the Pastor:

All Saints Day is November 1. That's its official date, which is why All Hallows Eve (now "Halloween") is always October 31. In the Lutheran Church, we have mostly let go of that day as anything related to the church anymore. However, we have held fast to celebrating All Saints, just not on its exact day. The first Sunday of November serves as a close enough approximation and an acknowledgement that drawing the congregation to celebrate All Saints on a Tuesday, for example, just isn't realistic.

In Martin Luther's time, this wasn't the case, but circumstances were different. Like Christmas, All Saints was a holiday where everyone was given a break from their labors and actually required to be in attendance for Mass. The requirement might not have been needed. Death was even more of an ever-present reality to the people living then. Wars raged, the Plague claimed whole villages, and famine didn't have a good enough international supply chain solution. With that in mind, All Saints Day touched the battered emotions of every person, as each was likely to have experienced the death of someone they knew in the previous year, and expected their turn could come next at any moment.

Gathering within their churches, with walls and windows painted and sculpted to tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, and lighting candles to help send up their love and prayers to God for mercy upon their beloved dead provided a ray of hope that kept the darkness of despair from closing in on them. If we're honest with ourselves, then we see that in this way, we're not so different from our forebearers. For as much as civilization has advanced, it can't ultimately take death away or its hurt. It just tries to invite us into the delusion that death is some other person's problem or to be ignored so it goes to bother someone else. In truth, in the face of the pain of a loved one's death, we need rays of hope as well.

Our All Saints service is designed to do this, reminding us with Word and symbols that, like Paul says, we grieve but not like people who don't have Christian faith. God's love and grace created the promise of Resurrection, and that is not a promise that is not broken in death, just as it sustains us whole continue our journey of living in Christ in this way. Our funeral service also gives language to the hope we have for our loved ones and ourselves after the close of our earthly lives. We call this little part near the end *The Requiem Verse*, which is Latin for "rest," and back and forth we say:

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;

and let light perpetual shine upon her.

May she and all the faithful departed, **in your mercy, rest in peace.**

Peace, God's peace, is the ultimate victory.

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Since God's peace is the culmination of God's work throughout the ages to set all things right, it makes sense that we ask of God to grant this peace to our loved ones, trusting it shall be so, *is* so already. It also means that death cannot be victorious. It hurts, but it hasn't won. God has and implements peace on *His* terms. This is already a lifeline better than any that has ever been tossed to any person at risk of drowning, so could alone buoy our hopes. Yet, there remains even more power to these simple words.

Right from the name, it's obvious that this peace is associated with rest, though sometimes we overlook the connection and implication. Our beloved dead rest from their labors. They are relieved of having to carry all of their worries, griefs, and tribulations by God, and given peace. Our earthly strife touches them no longer, cannot in the same way, because they have a peace that cannot be splintered a mite. This is rest. So is the rest from the labors of fighting the good fight of faith with the weapons of the Spirit that God's kingdom might continue to advance here on earth, and the labor of tending God's Garden, trying to help Eden to sprout once more. The work of faith passes, as they experience the peace of knowing and being known by God fully. However, that work, those labors, pass to us, the Church Militant.

A prayer for help to be just those kind of disciples, resilient laborers until our time for rest, follows in the Requiem Verse in the Funeral service. However, it's rarely chosen, which is understandable given the choices, but it's definitely appropriate for us now. Here it is:

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This is my prayer for you, for us. Added to that, are my prayers that the troubles of life never outweigh its joys and that the promise of God's peace for all our dead in the Lord brings you hope and light when and as you need them. Amen.



Dear Friends at St Peter's,

...and ask the Lord to
shower *you*
with His blessings!

We wanted you to know how much we enjoyed spending the day with you all on Oct. 6, your day of celebration. Every detail was so well planned and executed. Your joy in the Lord was evident. We hope you experience God's continued blessing.

Sincerely
John and Susan
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Sherry
friends from Beaver who came w. I+++

Anniversary Celebration



On Sunday, October 6th St. Peter's held a special anniversary worship service and special guests included:

Rev. Angelos Modeste, SPFT President
Rev. FARAMANA Frigson, SPBA President
Rev. HAJA Jean Norbert, SPAB President
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie, Translator
Sherri Ifft & Betty Sue Shaulis Lehw
Rev. Randy Marburger
Rev. Ken Thompson,
Rev. Peter Asplin, Assistant to the Bishop

Thank you to Pastor Johns for planning the worship service and making it memorable.



Thanks to Christine Johns for leading St. Peter's children in songs for the Anniversary Dinner.



The anniversary committee planned a wonderful dinner at Camp Lutherlyn to celebrate 175 years of being "Great Clouds of Witnesses." Patti Flach offered a hike and time in the discovery building in addition to trivia fun, guest speakers, and a wrap up by Pastor Johns.

Anniversary Celebration



Church Anniversary

faith →
← hope
love →



We Love
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
Loved us
— 1 John 4:18-19 —

Family 
Where life begins
& love never ends

Helping Hands for Our Community



A special thank you to the Lindgren Family, Pastor Johns & Family, Kerren Morra, and the many, many donations and hands that worked together to have a successful spaghetti benefit dinner for the Bartley Family. We are blessed to serve others together in this way as St. Peter's family.



All in good fun...
Pastor Johns poses for a picture with Ted maybe even accepting a bit of a dare.

A special thank you to Thrivent Financial for sponsoring this benefit dinner.

Over \$1,000 was raised for Aiden's Family.



St. Peter's most recent collection for the food cupboard were kits to bake cookies and pictured right is the start of the harvest home collection. Members brought several more donations to overflow our collection table.

Pumpkin Fest



Many thanks to everyone who helped make our annual pumpkin fest so successful. We raised approximately \$700 for our After School Program and hosted over 100 guests for an evening of pumpkin carving, food, science fun, games, a campfire, and spooky house adventures.

A special thank you to Thrivent Financial for sponsoring this event.



Pie Pastor



Blood Drive



A special thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our Oct. 28th blood drive a huge success. In all, over 20 units of blood were collected in loving remembrance of Elisa Walker. There were at least 10 that tried to give but due to low iron levels were unable to give. Pump the iron next year folks! Just kidding, and thank you for trying! We look forward to hosting this event again next October. Please keep our church in mind as a host sight when you sign up to donate in the future.



THANK YOU!

Events, Thank You's & Birthdays:



Sundays in November

9 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Worship
 11:30 am Fellowship
 11:45 Bell Choir

Wednesdays in November

5:30 pm Manna Night
 7 pm Senior Choir
 8 pm Cantata

Thursdays in November

9 am Quilting
 7 pm Bible Study

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday—Remembering those who have entered life eternal and those who were baptized in the last 12 months.

Sunday, November 10

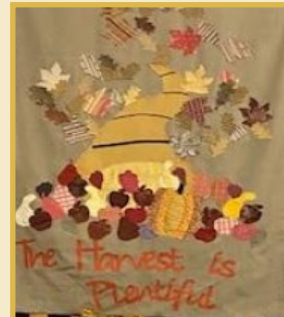
Prayers for healing in worship and annual meeting afterwards.

Sunday, November 17

Thankoffering Service



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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Dennis Schmidt | 19 Jane Brown |
| 2 Janice Hogan | 20 Joe Ludwik |
| 8 Kelly Anthony | 22 Charlie Flach |
| 9 Amy Anthony | 22 Vonda Weimer |
| 9 Natalea Merrison | 23 Glenn Fulghum |
| 11 Mary Fulghum | 23 Gus Mossor |
| 13 Anna Johns | 26 Nancy Zattiero |
| 14 Danielle Johns | 26 Madison Ainsworth |
| 15 Marsha Reedy | 26 Morgan Ainsworth |
| 16 Becky Rengers | 29 Tucker Van Dyke |
| 16 Alex Barnett | 30 Brinley Renger |
| 18 Ethan Johns | 30 Lily Johns |



BLESSED
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St. Peter's was proud to host our annual Harvest Home service and food collection for the Evans City Community Food Cupboard in October. The church was adorned with beautiful mums and harvest themed banners. Thanks to all who made 2024 Harvest Home a huge success!



Thank You



Lutherlyn is very excited to announce that the 2 Million Dollar Pledge has been reached! Simply saying "thank you" for your generosity doesn't seem big enough to adequately express how grateful we are. Commitment to this campaign has already made a huge difference at Lutherlyn. Thank you for all of your support! We hope to see you at camp sometime soon!

St. Peter's Upcoming Events



Join your church family and friends for the monthly Lutheran lunch outing **Wednesday, November 13th at 12 pm**. **This month's restaurant is at Brown's Country Kitchen**. 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.

Turkey Dinner – Our annual dinner will be on Saturday, November 16th. A portion of the proceeds from our Turkey Dinner this year will go to the Evans City Library.



Advent Lunch - Sunday, December 1st after worship!

500 Card Club – will meet this month on **Friday, November 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.



Bible Study – Our weekly Bible study has returned! We gather on Thursday nights at 7pm via Zoom. Does the word “study” still give you chills worse than the Doll Room in the Spooky House? Have no fear; this gathering is for you! We dig into the upcoming Sunday's lessons with humor and levity and no question is ever too silly or too serious. Hope you'll join in!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88634175171?pwd=Q0xmanZSOXNwdFBQZ3J1SDhwSVk0UT09>

Community News



Trivia Begins
6:30

Fri, Nov 15 | Evans City

Thanksgiving Trivia Night

Join in the fun of an 8 round trivia game. Snacks are provided. BYOB.

Advent

ADVENT FRIENDS ! ! ! !

Brothers and sisters, the season of hope and anticipation, joy and merry-making is nearly upon us. In order to help prepare our hearts for the expectant delight of the holiday season, we are again organizing our secret gift-giving activity called ADVENT FRIENDS. Being an Advent Friend is another special way to highlight Advent by enjoying the fellowship of others and having some fun keeping secrets. It works like this:

Fill out the form below and give it to Pastor after worship services or return it to the church office by Sunday, November 17^h.

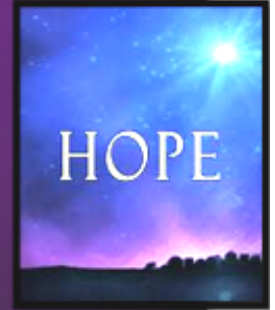
Watch for a message that you're to be an Advent Friend and provide Advent surprises for some individual or family. (Only you will know the recipients of your surprises, although you can enlist the help of secret helpers for the delivery.) Another person or family will be notified that they are your Advent Friend and will be providing Advent surprises for you. (Only they will know the recipients of their surprises.)

Keep your identity a secret while you either give little gifts or do things for your Advent Friend, though you are free to drop hints or fake hints to throw them off your trail. Plan to surprise your secret friend once each week during the four weeks of Advent.

Attend the Epiphany Party Reveal. Wait, what's that you ask, everyone is invited, but it's especially important for Advent Friends, because it will be during that meeting that we have our Great Reveal. Your secret friends will be watching and waiting for the moment when your true identity is revealed. They'll enjoy sharing the clues they've gathered about who you are, and they'll welcome this opportunity to thank you for being their secret friend. However, if you can't make it to the reveal, you can still be part of the Advent Friends fun! The party will be a potluck luncheon on Sunday, January 5th after worship. All are welcome!

Remember the themes of Advent – waiting, hopeful expectation, mystery, light, surprise.

***PLEASE NOTE* It is best if you do not drop off gifts at the church.
Please make home deliveries or utilize other creative drop offs instead.**



YES, (I, WE) WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP TO BE AN ADVENT FRIEND(S).

NAME _____ PHONE NO _____

ADDRESS _____

NAMES & AGES OF CHILDREN (That live with you):

ANY CHILDREN AWAY AT SCHOOL? (name & address):

ANY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, OR OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS DURING ADVENT?

Easy Ways to Donate Christmas Angel Program



Each year, Glade Run Lutheran Services provides life-changing services to over 6,000 individuals throughout Western PA.

This holiday season, your gift will support the children and families we serve who would otherwise do without. More than just a present under the tree, donated items received through our annual drive provide joy, relief and comfort all throughout the year.

How to Participate:

Request an Angel Tag

Receive a tag with wished for items that will benefit a child or family served by Glade Run. Purchase the item(s) and return your unwrapped donation with the tag attached to Glade Run (Chapel) by December 17.

- Receive your tag(s) by contacting **Cheryl Martin at 724-452-4453, ext. 1277 or via email at cmartin@gladerun.org**.
- Many congregations and businesses support our Christmas Angel Program and may have already received a supply of tags to share. Reach out to your church or work place to inquire if they participate and receive our tags from them.

Online Wish Lists

An online wish list has been created with **Walmart** and **Target**. Follow the instructions below to shop on these sites and have your gift delivered directly to us.

Gifts Cards and Monetary Donations

A gift card or monetary donation can provide specific items that are out of the reach of our clients, like specific books on loss, food and gas, clothing and undergarments or towels and toiletries. **Suggested stores include:** Walmart, Target, Giant Eagle, Aldi, Amazon, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Home Depot, Lowes, Sheetz, Bi-Lo, Walgreens, Homegoods, Marshalls, Dick's Sporting Goods, Visa, Michaels, Subway and McDonald's.

How to Donate:

1. Drop Off

For those with angel tags — Purchase items. Drop them off at Glade Run (Chapel). Glade Run staff will help unload your car. *(Enter campus off Rt. 68 across from St. Gregory's church. Take first left into Parking Lot A. Look for Chapel sign on your right.)*
Date and Times: Dec. 10-13, Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 4:30pm and Dec. 14, Saturday, 9 - 11am

2. Shop our Wish List on Walmart or Target & Ship Directly to Us

Walmart — Visit <https://www.walmart.com/registry/ER/4d25ed8d-43c2-444a-bac7-97593833f493>
Sign into your account and shop.

Target — Visit <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/gladerunholidaydrive> Sign into your account and shop.

3. Send a Gift Card or Monetary Donation

Mail a gift card or check to: Glade Run Foundation, Attn: Christmas, 30 Glade Run Drive, Zelenople, PA 16063. Remember to include a note with your contact information so we may thank you. **Checks** should be made payable to Glade Run Foundation.

Make a secure **online donation** at www.gladerun.org using the "Donate Now" button at the top of the page. Remember to type "Christmas" in the Notes.

For more information, contact Cheryl Martin, Glade Run Foundation, at 724-452-4453 x1277 or by email at cmartin@gladerun.org.

The official registration and financial information of Glade Run Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



St. Peter's family and friends are invited to participate in the annual Christmas program. In addition to the online ways of giving, we will obtain a limited amount of gift tags and have them available at the church for pick up if you prefer to give gifts in that way. We will provide more details as the event gets closer.



Financial Facts

September 2024 Contributions

Fund Description	Amount
213 Synod Benevolence	1,010.50
222 Passavant Retire, Zelig	43.00
242 EDCO Park	10.00
296 Fundraiser for Comm Cause	30.00
400 Current Fund Income	13,199.63
401 Music Fund Income	30.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	2,225.00
405 Flower Income	80.00
407 Priority Project Income	7,540.00
408 After School Program Income	1,140.00
410 Campership Income	1,212.55
412 Manna Night	1,217.55
413 Applefest	7,124.00
440 Softball Team Income	160.00
Grand Total	35,022.23



Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for November

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

2024 Contributions to Date

Fund Description	Amount
202 American Cancer Society	12.00
204 W.E.L.C.A.	350.00
206 Madagascar	1,240.87
208 Lutheran Campus Ministries	20.00
211 Meals on Wheels	110.00
212 Food Cupboard	3,039.31
213 Synod Benevolence	10,460.95
215 ELCA Lutheran World Relief	25.00
217 ELCA Lutheran Prospect	2,394.00
222 Passavant Retire, Zelig	43.00
228 Seminary	56.00
234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary	180.00
240 Evans City Library	88.00
241 Evans City Fire Department	136.00
242 EDCO Park	420.50
244 ALS of Western PA	2,074.69
280 Window Coverings	7,276.00
296 Fundraiser for Comm Cause	30.00
297 Cub Scout Pack 399	1,185.11
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	20.00
400 Current Fund Income	117,996.26
401 Music Fund Income	899.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	4,855.00
405 Flower Income	2,534.00
406 Youth Fund Income	588.80
407 Priority Project Income	19,090.60
408 After School Program Income	13,119.00
410 Campership Income	5,167.05
412 Manna Night	1,247.55
413 Applefest	7,324.00
440 Softball Team Income	1,260.00
Grand Total	203,242.69

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 September 2024** is as follows:

Current Fund \$6,769.12

Memorial Fund \$11,019.74

Youth Fund \$9,758.97

Manna Fund \$5,363.62

Priority Project Fund \$1,732.18

After School Program \$7,609.31

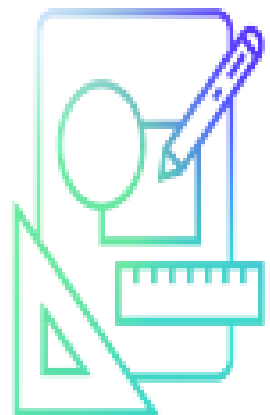
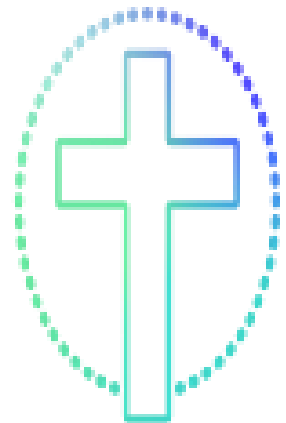
Many thanks to those who continue to give to these funds which give us the ability to serve Christ and others.



Proposed Mission Spending Plan (Budget) for 2025

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Annual Budget Worksheet

Description	Raise/Increase	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Pastor Salary	3%	50,121	53,272.00
Pension /Health/Dental/SS		46,044	48,622.00
Pastor Phone Allowance		420	420.00
Pastor Discretionary Exp.		150	200.00
Mileage		2,100	2,000.00
Pastor Continuing Ed.		1,000	1,000.00
Synod Assembly / Convo.		400	400.00
Supply Pastor		650	650.00
Music Director Salary	3%	9,225	9,500.00
Supply Organist		555	555.00
Secretary	\$13.50/hr	9,381	9,558.00
Custodian	3%	6,285	6,474.00
After School Program		20,233	13,600.00
Payroll Taxes Church		3,452	2,994.00
Office Supplies		2,700	2,700.00
Postage		300	400.00
Bank Charges		0	25.00
Insurance/Fire/Work Comp		7,727	8,600.00
Safe Deposit Box		25	25.00
Church Phone / Internet		1,370	1,370.00
Lutheran Ex Society Due		50	50.00
Synod Assembly Lay		650	650.00
Anniversary Expense		750	-
Cleaning Supplies		200	300.00
Mowing / Snow Removal		150	150.00
Garbage Collection		861	1,000.00
Repairs to Church		1,200	1,200.00
Repairs to Parsonage		1,000	1,200.00
Church Utilities		18,500	15,000.00
Parsonage Utilities		6,850	6,000.00
Property Taxes		5,050	5,100.00
Safety Inspections		250	400.00
Sunday School Supplies		1,400	1,400.00
Manna Night		700	700.00
Youth		2,000	2,000.00
Camperships		500	500.00
ASP Supply Expense		2,000	1,500.00
Worship Supplies		1,200	1,200.00
Instrument Maintenance		870	800.00
Sundays & Seasons Subscri		529	529.00
Devotionals		400	400.00
Church Envelopes		585	620.00
Fellowship Expense		400	400.00
Softball Team		600	600.00
Totals		208,833	204,064.00



Synod Benevolence	14,500	15,000.00
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Income Projections Justifying 2025 Budget

2025 BUDGET

Fund Description	Amount
202 American Cancer Society	12.00
203 Advent	285.00
204 W.E.L.C.A.	712.00
206 Madagascar	1,240.87
208 Lutheran Campus Ministries	20.00
211 Meals on Wheels	110.00
212 Food Cupboard	3,339.31
213 Synod Benevolence	14,883.20
215 ELCA Lutheran World Relief	25.00
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	2,394.00
218 Lutheran Service Society	112.50
219 ELCA Glade Run	65.00
221 ELCA Bethesda	85.00
222 Passavant Retire, Zelig	45.00
228 Seminary	56.00
234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary	180.00
240 Evans City Library	88.00
241 Evans City Fire Department	136.00
242 EDCO Park	450.50
244 ALS of Western PA	2,074.69
245 Batten Disease	660.00
280 Window Coverings	15,837.02
297 Cub Scout Pack 399	1,185.11
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	8,030.00
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400 Current Fund Income	162,399.06
401 Music Fund Income	1,161.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	3,480.00
403 MIF Endowment (M.M.)	60,970.80
405 Flower Income	3,767.00
406 Youth Fund Income	1,601.88
407 Priority Project Income	17,940.60
408 After School Program Income	18,457.00
410 Campership Income	5,155.59
412 Manna Night	573.08
413 Applefest	6,218.00
440 Softball Team Income	1,100.00

\$52,026.20

Grand Total 334,850.21



\$ 334,850.21	Total income
\$ (52,026.00)	liabilities
\$ (60,970.80)	endowment
\$ 221,853.41	Total remaining

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
Roberta 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)*

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 Sphar *(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
John & Kay Yuengert *(submitted by K. Ferrari)*



PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

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

Gini Rinkus
Norma Iman Lucille Wingard

INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

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

The families of:

Kim Morris, Butch Zattiero, Ruth Mullenax,
Brian Kenney, Carol Green, Helen Barto,
Blaine Miller, Patricia Van Dyke

pray

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Council Meeting--October 15, 2024

Present: Staci Bettecourt, Rob Burr, Marlene Domhoff, Dan Erin (Zoom), Patti Flach, Pastor Johns, Ted Lindgren III, Rita Reifenstein, Linda Schmidt, Jane Taylor, Corey Walker (Zoom)

Absent: Marlene Domhoff, Casey Guerriero, Adam Price

Reception of Visitors: None

Vice-President Ted Lindgren III called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Pastor shared a selection by St. Augustine about ultimate peace, temporal, worldly peace and inward peace. He led us in a discussion followed by prayers.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 12th meeting were read and approved. Rita motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Staci. Motion carried,

Pastor's Report: A detailed, written report was submitted and discussion followed. Once again, it was a busy month with meetings in Chicago and other areas, as well as visitors from Madagascar, and the Anniversary events.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary's Reports: Written reports were submitted for September. Each was reviewed prior to discussion. Rob motioned to accept, and it was seconded by Patti. Motion approved.

Financial: A written report was submitted. It was recommended that all future income from the Anniversary projects be forwarded to Priority Projects. Motion approved. The committee also suggested that \$4000 from Memorials be moved to pay for the paint project and the parsonage roof replacement. Motion approved. Harvest Home donations will go toward the Food Cupboard. Motion carried. Advent donations will be used for our card ministry. Motion approved. The Christmas Eve offering this year will be used for staff bonuses. These include Pastor's (\$500), Marlene (\$100), Joe (\$100), Kim (\$50) and Marge (\$50).

Council also suggested that Heidi receive a bonus of \$100. Motion was approved as amended. The Monthly Benevolence for 2025 will remain the same. Motion carried.

Fellowship: A written report was submitted. The turkey dinner is planned for November 16th. \$200 from this will be donated to the Evans City Public Library and the rest raised will go to Priority Projects. Motion carried. Holiday House tours were discussed.

Learning Ministry/Youth: No written report was provided. The tentative Christmas program date is December 22nd.

Memorial: No written report was provided. The Memorial Account Balance sheet was shared.

Mutual Ministry: No written report was provided.

Property: A written report was submitted. Repairs and painting to the nave and sanctuary were completed in time for our Anniversary Service to be held in the church. We are still awaiting additional information regarding the roof on the parsonage and the garage. The plans also will now include the roof on the front porch for an additional \$500..

Worship and Music: A written report was submitted. Reformation Sunday is scheduled for October 27th, and All Saints Sunday will be November 3rd. A Healing Service and the Congregational Meeting will be on November 10th. Christ the King service will be on November 24th. The First Sunday of Advent will occur on December 1st.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council Minutes (cont.)

Anniversary: Numerous church members were involved in creating our successful events during this Anniversary year. The History Book is still missing information for several years in the 90's. Any additional reports that others have for this era would still be appreciated.

Unfinished Business:

Outreach Committee: No report

Refugee/Resettlement Project: No report

Church Constitution: No report

Lillyville Cemetery: No report

Madagascar Visitors: On Sunday, September 29th, visitors from Madagascar were participants in the church service. They were pleasantly surprised and pleased when presented with quilts made by our quilters. The service was very meaningful as it represented our Anniversary and our visitors.

New Business/Miscellaneous:

Mission Spending Plan: The proposed Annual Budget was reviewed and discussed in detail. A suggested cost of living increase of 3% for staff members is reflected in this. Synod Benevolence was increased by \$500 to \$15,000. Motion carried for the committee to present this to the Congregation.

Nominations: A discussion on those eligible for a second Council term was shared at the last meeting. Marlene and Casey are willing to serve again. A list of possible names for consideration was generated. The President of Council will be asking these members if they are interested in serving. Following this, a ballot will be created. A few couples' names were suggested for representation at the Synod Assembly.

Two additional members need to be elected to the Mission Endowment Fund, one to fulfill Helen Barto's remaining two-year term, and one for a full, three-year term. Rita motioned to accept this slate, and Staci seconded it. Motion carried.

Hurricane Relief: Lutheran Disaster Relief is our organization for responding to any local disasters. 100% of the money sent to them goes directly to relief efforts. An insert could be placed inside our bulletins describing ways to support this. It was agreed to do this.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment and Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM. Linda moved to adjourn and Rita seconded it. Motion carried.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Flach, Council Secretary**



Worship News and Volunteers

Date	11/03/2024	11/10/2024	11/17/2024	11/24/2024
Acolytes	Rylee Taylor	Meera Lindgren	Anna Johns	Elsa Plank
Altar Flowers	Marlene Domhoff	Bea King	Talea Merrison	Eilene Budisky
Altar Guild	Lisa Burr	Lisa Burr	Kay Burr	Kay Burr
Asst. Minister	Karen Ferrari	Glenn Fulghum	Teresa O'Malley	Robin Van Dyke
Bell Ringer	Davin Beahm	Corey Walker	Joe Ludwik	Wes Schmidt
Communion Ministers	Teresa O'Malley	Ted Lindgren II	Debbie Merrison	Ted Lindgren III
Eternal Candle	Becky & Rick Riddle	Becky & Rick Riddle	Becky & Rick Riddle	Becky & Rick Riddle
Greeters	Pat Capella & Dean Zinkhann	Davin & Heidi Beahm	Tom & Cindy Ayers	Dan & Jenn Erin
Lector	Robin Van Dyke	Melissa Bonicky	Charlie Flach	Patti Flach
Nursery	Cheryl Thomas	Colleen Prenovitz	Beverly Barkley	Staci Bettencourt
Offering Counters	Dan Erin & Dan Guerriero	Dan Erin & Dan Guerriero	Dan Erin & Dan Guerriero	Dan Erin & Dan Guerriero
Tech Support	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm
Ushers	Heidi Beahm & Brian Johns	Dean Zinkhann & Joe Ludwik	Dan Erin & Rob Burr	Cindy & Tom Ayers



St. Peter's volunteers help pack food for the Evans City Community Food Cupboard the second Sunday of each month. Join in the fun on Nov. 10th and help those in need in our community.

Choirs

Christmas Cantata practices are just beginning. It's a great time to try out a short-term commitment to choir. All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 7pm for Senior Choir, 8pm for Cantata. Bell Choir takes place after worship. Grab a snack then ring for joy.



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



November Calendar

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



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**You are invited to St. Peter's annual congregational meeting on
Sunday, November 10th immediately following worship. Agenda items include:**

2025 Church Budget

Elections:

2025-2028 Church Council

2025 Synod Assembly Representatives

2025-2028 Mission Endowment Fund Committee

Our anniversary committee has worked hard to offer this beautiful Wendell August Forge, St. Peter's Christmas Ornament! *(Picture right)*

They are available for you to purchase as many as you'd like at the cost of \$20 in celebration of the 175th Anniversary of St. Peter's.

Each ornament has a 3.5" diameter and comes with a red ribbon for displaying it and a color picture of our Shepherd window.

Please talk to Marsha Reedy to place your order.



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Our Staff:

Pastor Brandon Johns

Heidi Beahm,
After School Director

Marlene Domhoff,
Organist / Music Director

Joe Ludwik, Sexton

Kimberly Peaco,
Secretary

Sundays:

- Sunday School: 9 am
- Weekly Worship Services: 10:15 am
 - Fellowship after Worship
- The Sunday Bulletin Deadline is Wednesdays at 10 am
- Monthly Newsletter Deadline is the 3rd Sunday of each month
- Check Our Weekly Calendar for other events.

Office Hours for Secretary:

Monday—Friday

9 am—noon

November

Newsletter

*Sponsored by Kim & Jim Sharrar
in memory of Eileen Spithaler*