

St. Peter's Post 11/1/25

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



From the Pastor:

"Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

2 Thessalonians 3:13

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;
let light perpetual shine upon her.
May she and all the faithful departed,
in your mercy, rest in peace.

Gathered quietly at the graveside, with the service drawing to a close, we lift up these words in prayer and blessing. Throughout the funeral, we appeal to God's mercy: mercy for us who grieve that we might be consoled by the cross and mercy for the one whose life is now beyond our reach. Unable to affect the well-being of our loved one any longer, we come as close to understanding our total need for God's mercy as we ever will in this life. For any good to come to them, God alone must convey it. In the end, our last intercession is for *requiem*.

Requiem is the Latin for "rest." For centuries, the funeral rite in the Roman Catholic Church was known as Requiem Mass. We call these lines of liturgy Requiem Versicle (which means 2 or 4 lines of responsive, usually poetic, liturgy), for obvious reasons. Our last request in the service on our loved one's behalf is for God to grant them rest. This particular mercy falls in line with Paul's "asleep in the Lord" imagery, which is how he talks about the faithful departed awaiting resurrection (1 Cor. 15:18; 1 Thess. 4:13). Paul uses this metaphor to bring comfort to his communities, providing reassurance that loved ones who have died before Jesus came back are still in God's care and that those who are alive for Jesus' second coming will reunite with them as they/we all awake to greet him.

The writer of Hebrews and the writer of Revelation also use rest language, but we can take an added layer of encouragement from their descriptions of heavenly requiem. Hebrews chapter 4 speaks of entering into God's rest like stepping into God's first sabbath when God rested from creating. Likewise, Revelation 14:13 says that those who die in the Lord are blessed and get to rest from their labors. In both of these visions of eternal life, the blessed rest granted to God's people comes after a life of laboring on behalf of the Lord.

Jesus invites us to be yoked with him, so that we work with him (Mt 11:28-30). Labor for and with the Lord is actually rest for our souls, because it is the life for which we were created and purposed. With all this in mind, let us take encouragement from all the Scripture passages above and the saints before us to serve with vigor and joy on behalf of God while we have the mercy of the time and talents to do so. While our eternal salvation does not depend on our works but on the work of Christ alone, the joy of good, fruitful labor leads to the joy of good rest. May the mercy of requiem asked on our behalf at the last come as an honest response to lives filled with doing God's work.

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ST. PETER'S PRIDE



Congratulations to Kierstin (Beahm) and Kyle Peak on their October 4th wedding at St. Peter's. A special thank you to everyone who has shared their love and support with Kier and Kyle.



Nursery
ministry



Our annual harvest home Sunday brought with it many donations to our community food pantry. The non perishable food items will help to feed local families as part of a community outreach to help others. Thank you to everyone who carried donated food to the basement and to all who helped to pack food after worship.



St. Peter's adult volunteers make sure our littlest ones who attend worship have a fun, safe place to go during worship. Many children make their way to the nursery after the children's sermon. All adult volunteers have PA clearances and enjoy the time they get to volunteer with the little ones.

Helping Hands for Our Community



Several St. Peter's youth joined in the fun of the annual pasta fundraiser dinner on Saturday, October 11th. A special thank you to everyone who donated items and for the adult leadership who led the effort to raise funds for those in need in our community.



Pumpkin Fest

*Thank
you*

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our annual pumpkin fest so successful. We raised approximately \$1,000 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.



MANY BLESSINGS



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A special thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our Oct. 27th blood drive a huge success.

In all, 20 units of blood were collected in loving remembrance of Elisa Walker. 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.



It was a beautiful day for the Blessing of the Animals service in the picnic shelter. Thank you to all who came out and to Pastor for your blessings!



Events, Thank You & Birthdays

Special Sunday School!

All are invited to join Pastor in Luther Hall during the Sunday School hour on 11/16 for another Q&A, forum-style time together. Pastor will take questions on any subject. You are invited to submit questions ahead of time via email, but we still have some to answer from our forum in October, too.

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



*To Whoever helped lighten our load:
Thank you. We truly appreciate
someone willing to not only pray
for us, but help ease our financial
burden in these tough times.
Because you felt called to give, we
were able to keep our water turned
on. This is invaluable to have one
less bill to worry about. Thank you
for your caring and kindness.
God Bless You.*

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



*We received the clothing protectors
you made and are grateful for your
generosity! Both the staff and the
residents sincerely appreciate it!*

*-Your friends from
Passavant's Nursing
Community*



Upcoming Events



Join your church family and friends for the monthly Lutheran lunch outing **Wednesday, November 12th at 12 pm.** **This month's restaurant is at Marty's Suburban in Cranberry Twp.** 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 15th. A portion of the proceeds from our Turkey Dinner this year will go to the Evans City Library.



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



Advent Lunch - Sunday, November 30th after worship!



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!

Women of the ELCA Outreach Collection

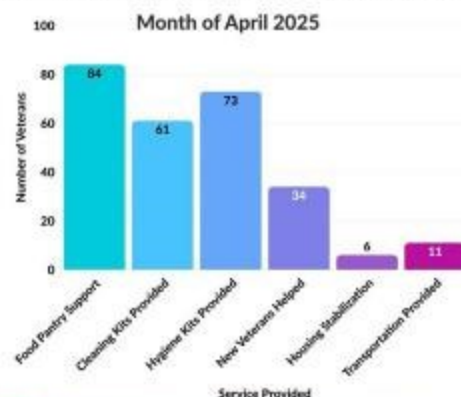
We are collecting items for our designated outreach, Robin's Home, located in Butler. The collection will run until November 16th. Items requested are: Shelf Stable Coffee, Creamer and Sugar, Bottled Water, and Individually Sized Packaged Snacks: Pop-tarts, Cereal Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, Cookies, etc.

Robin's Home provides a full continuum of care for homeless, unstably housed and low income female veterans and their children. Robin's Home first opened its doors for the transitional housing program on July 1, 2019. Since then, Robin's Home has helped many women and their children.

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Veterans Served April 2025

Serving Those Who Served
343 Veterans Served Since March 8, 2024



Advent Friends

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 16th.

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 4th 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?

Ring Doorbell or other Camera System?	____ Yes ____ No
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About Glade Run's Christmas Angel Program

Each year, Glade Run Lutheran Services (Glade Run) provides life-changing services to over 7,000 individuals throughout Western PA. With program sites in Zelienople, Beaver Falls, Butler, New Castle, Rochester, Pittsburgh, Greensburg, West View, Wexford and Utica, children, adults and families being served by Glade Run often have other challenges in addition to mental and behavioral health issues and autism. **At our schools, most of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch programs due to extreme low income, and many participants in our programs are struggling with issues related to poverty as well.**

During this special time of year, Glade Run is grateful for our friends who help us secure the basic necessities and tools that make a difference in the lives of those in our care. 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 — well beyond Christmastime.

Please consider participation in this opportunity to gift those less fortunate with the tools and necessities they need, but cannot afford. As always, we are grateful and blessed that you choose to support individuals who can most benefit from your generosity.

How to Participate

Angel Tags

Request tags with wished for items that benefit a child or family served by Glade Run. Collected items should be brought to Glade Run by December 13. Glade Run staff will be available to meet you and help unload your car.

Online Wish Lists

An online wish list has been created with Amazon, Walmart and Target. Donors may purchase items from our list and have them shipped directly to us. Gift cards may also be purchased online.

Gift Cards or Monetary Donation

A gift card or monetary donation is always welcome and can provide for more specific client needs. Consider taking up a collection or requesting gift card donations. An online donation may also be made via the "Donate Now" button on our website at www.gladerun.org.

Donation suggestions include:

General Items

These gifts provide for the ongoing personal and therapeutic needs of a youth in one of our programs. Examples include: craft supplies, stress balls, books, games, music and headphones.

Basic Necessities

Many of the children, adults and families we serve are without the most basic of necessities, including clothing and toiletries.

School/Program Items

These items can be very specific and are important to help children in day-to-day recovery. Examples include: school supplies, games, cleaning supplies, items for our horses and stable area, gardening supplies and craft items.

Gift Cards

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

Financial Gifts

These gifts allow us to take care of needs as they arise throughout the year and may include clothing, transportation, housing or utility assistance, household needs or additional therapy not covered by insurance.



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. Donated items should be unwrapped. Gift cards and items should have the Glade Run tags attached. All donated items will need to be returned to St. Peter's on Sunday, December 7. Thank you!



Financial Facts

September 2025 Contributions



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.

Fund Description	Amount
212 Food Cupboard	264.00
213 Synod Benevolence	965.45
222 Passavant Retire, Zelig	63.50
242 EDCO Park	20.00
400 Current Fund Income	11,060.98
401 Music Fund Income	50.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	1,015.00
405 Flower Income	454.00
406 Youth Fund Income	20.00
407 Priority Project Income	150.00
408 After School Program Income	1,746.22
410 Campership Income	906.23
412 Manna Night	1,396.22
413 Applefest	7,165.00
441 Church Outings Income	80.00
Grand Total	25,356.60

2025 Contributions to Date

Fund Description	Amount
204 W.E.L.C.A.	216.00
206 Madagascar	2,566.00
208 Lutheran Campus Ministries	25.00
211 Meals on Wheels	126.00
212 Food Cupboard	1,828.80
213 Synod Benevolence	12,786.40
214 ELCA World Hunger Appeal	100.00
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	352.00
218 Lutheran Service Society	281.28
222 Passavant Retire, Zelig	63.50
223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response	2,332.00
228 Seminary	57.00
234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary	142.00
240 Evans City Library	88.50
241 Evans City Fire Department	117.00
242 EDCO Park	467.00
244 ALS of Western PA	2,206.00
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	300.00
400 Current Fund Income	135,625.89
401 Music Fund Income	592.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	2,830.00
405 Flower Income	2,709.50
406 Youth Fund Income	649.00
407 Priority Project Income	8,906.00
408 After School Program Income	12,804.22
410 Campership Income	4,837.73
412 Manna Night	2,628.72
413 Applefest	7,165.00
440 Softball Team Income	600.00
441 Church Outings Income	1,802.00
Grand Total	205,204.54

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 2025** is as follows:

Current Fund **(\$570.22)**

Memorial Fund \$12,449.74

Youth Fund \$8,634.19

Manna Fund \$7,022.53

Priority Project Fund \$3,218.23

After School Program \$6,715.68

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 2026

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Annual Budget Worksheet

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Account	Description	Type	Budgeted	2025		2026
				Actual	Budget	Budget
01	GENERAL FUND	Expense				
5061-001	Pastor Salary	Detail	Budget directly	41,250	55,000	56,375
5063-003	Pension /Health/Dental/SS	Detail	Budget directly	32,367	48,622	51,088
5064-004	Pastor Phone Allowance	Detail	Budget directly	315	420	420
5067-007	Pastor Discretionary Exp.	Detail	Budget directly	0	200	200
5068-008	Mileage	Detail	Budget directly	0	2,000	2,000
5069-009	Pastor Continuing Ed.	Detail	Budget directly	0	1,000	1,000
5070	Synod Assembly / Convo.	Detail	Budget directly	454	400	350
5071-001	Supply Pastor	Detail	Budget directly	156	650	650
5081-001	Music Director Salary	Detail	Budget directly	7,917	9,500	9,737
5090	Supply Organist	Detail	Budget directly	630	555	555
5165	Secretary	Detail	Budget directly	6,129	9,558	9,912
5175	Custodian	Detail	Budget directly	4,856	6,474	6,636
5185	After School Program	Detail	Budget directly	11,105	13,600	13,600
5305	Payroll Taxes Church	Detail	Budget directly	2,255	2,994	3,094
5425	Office Supplies	Detail	Budget directly	1,589	2,700	2,700
5430	Postage	Detail	Budget directly	92	400	400
5440	Bank Charges	Detail	Budget directly	0	25	25
5445	Insurance/Fire/Work Comp	Detail	Budget directly	8,012	8,600	9,000
5450	Safe Deposit Box	Detail	Budget directly	25	25	25
5455	Church Phone / Internet	Detail	Budget directly	1,011	1,370	1,300
5465	Lutheran Ex Society Due	Detail	Budget directly	50	50	50
5470	Synod Assembly Lay	Detail	Budget directly	200	650	650
5485	Anniversary Expense	Detail	Budget directly	(175)	0	
5505	Cleaning Supplies	Detail	Budget directly	143	300	300
5510	Mowing / Snow Removal	Detail	Budget directly	18	150	150
5515	Garbage Collection	Detail	Budget directly	612	1,000	900
5520	Repairs to Church	Detail	Budget directly	1,057	1,200	1,500
5525	Repairs to Parsonage	Detail	Budget directly	6,390	1,200	1,500
5535	Church Utilities	Detail	Budget directly	14,492	15,000	16,000
5540	Parsonage Utilities	Detail	Budget directly	4,666	6,000	6,000
5545	Property Taxes	Detail	Budget directly	5,390	5,100	5,500
5550	Safety Inspections	Detail	Budget directly	538	400	550
5556	Storm Water Fee	Detail	Budget directly	0	432	432
5605	Sunday School Supplies	Detail	Budget directly	953	1,400	1,500
5615	Manna Night	Detail	Budget directly	607	700	700
5705	Youth	Detail	Budget directly	582	2,000	2,000
5710	Camperships	Detail	Budget directly	5,946	500	500
5715	ASP Supply Expense	Detail	Budget directly	2,791	1,500	1,500
5805	Worship Supplies	Detail	Budget directly	623	1,200	1,000
5810	Instrument Maintenance	Detail	Budget directly	450	800	800
5815	Sundays & Seasons Subscri	Detail	Budget directly	549	529	550
5820	Devotionals	Detail	Budget directly	283	400	360
5825	Church Envelopes	Detail	Budget directly	654	620	660
5905	Fellowship Expense	Detail	Budget directly	110	400	400
5910	Softball Team	Detail	Budget directly	755	600	600
Expense Totals:				165,847	206,224	213,169

Synod Benevolence \$15,500

Income Projections Justifying 2026 Budget

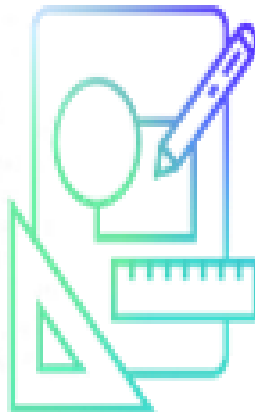
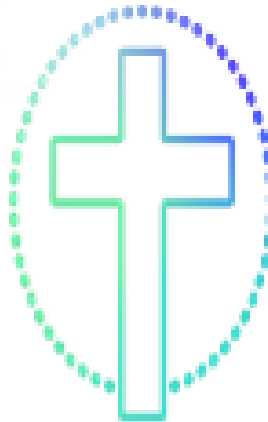
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Funds Report

Posted Contributions For Period: 08/01/2024 to 07/31/2025 (previous 12 mo.)

Fund Description	Amount
203 Advent	355.00
204 W.E.L.C.A.	991.00
206 Madagascar	2,716.00
208 Lutheran Campus Ministries	20.00
211 Meals on Wheels	126.00
212 Food Cupboard	2,021.69
213 Synod Benevolence	16,308.25
214 ELCA World Hunger Appeal	100.00
216 ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief	20.00
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	367.00
218 Lutheran Service Society	337.28
219 ELCA Glade Run	81.00
221 ELCA Bethesda	86.00
222 Passavant Retire, Zelig	43.00
223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response	3,582.00
228 Seminary	57.00
234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary	142.00
240 Evans City Library	288.50
241 Evans City Fire Department	117.00
242 EDCO Park	477.00
244 ALS of Western PA	2,206.00
245 Batten Disease	550.00
296 Fundraiser for Comm Cause	1,365.00
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	2,320.00
400 Current Fund Income	175,481.25
401 Music Fund Income	760.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	4,640.00
405 Flower Income	3,387.50
406 Youth Fund Income	1,324.00
407 Priority Project Income	27,657.05
408 After School Program Income	16,854.00
410 Campership Income	5,880.05
412 Manna Night	2,541.05
413 Applefest	8,078.00
440 Softball Team Income	1,285.00
441 Church Outings Income	620.00
Grand Total	283,184.62

Total budgeted income (previous 12 months) = \$197,485.30



2026 BUDGET

Thoughts & Prayers

Tom Baker
 Cole Barkley
 Troy Barkley
 John, Summer, Timothy Barron & Family
 Peter Barry
 Ricky Benson
 Tom Broeren
 Eilene Budisky
 Kay Burr
 Lisa Burr
 Reid Caldwell (ALS)
 Jane Carruth (Colon Cancer - B.Barkley)
 Luke Clawson
 Michael Clawson
 Penny Dusenberry
 David English (Lung Cancer)
 Diane Fair
 Mary, Glenn, and David Fulghum
 Lori Goodwin
 Joan Gump
 Patti Grubbs
 Annastyn Hogan
 Stephanie Hogan
 Ella Jason
 Greg John
 Curt Johns

Val Kurth (Breast Cancer)
 Todd Manuel (blood cancer)
 Diane Marburger
 Joe Marburger
 Patty Marburger
 Jane Mashuda
 Diamond McCracken
 Bertie McMillen
 Carmen and Sandra Morra
 Matt Morris
 Mark Phillips
 Emma Plank
 Jason Plank
 Robin Plank
 Erin Price
 Bill Puryear (cancer)
 Lori Rasp
 Rick Reifenstein
 Dominick Scarpino
 Pastor Tony Schneck
 Jim Schrader
 Jane Taylor
 Kay Marburger Terry
 Garrie Wearing
 John Wilson



PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

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

Gini Rinkus



INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

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

Carol Kerr
 Fred Sharrar
 Dave Grubbs
 David Wobb

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
October 7, 2025

Present: Staci Bettencourt, Dan Erin (Zoom), Patti Flach, Casey Guerriero, Pastor Johns, Robin Plank (Zoom), Adam Price, Rita Reifenstein, Linda Schmidt (Zoom), Corey Walker, Marge Wearing

Absent: Jan Hogan, Jane Taylor

Reception of Visitors: None

President Adam Price called the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M. Following this, the Pastor shared a reading from Psalm 136 that discussed mercy. This was followed by a discussion and prayers.

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

Pastor's Report: A detailed, written report was submitted that included numerous activities as well as several concerns during the past month. These were discussed in New Business.

Treasurer's Report and the Financial Secretary's Report: The September report was reviewed and discussed. The Current Fund is once again negative and thoughts were shared on why this might be so. A motion to accept was made by Staci and seconded by Casey. The motion carried.

Financial: A written report was submitted. VENMO has been used for both the rummage sale and Apple Fest donations. It is not currently being used on a regular basis. Luann Brosius approved the use of funds from both Lucille and Lynette Wingard Memorials for the purchase of the new choir robes. In regards to the new Sewer and Water Authority statements, Pastor has appealed one of the church's parcels that had been overcharged; this has resulted in a change to our advantage. The new fee is now addressed in the budget. There are also changes in the Portico health plan that have resulted in an increased cost. The 2026 Budget was submitted for review and approval. The Income Summary is included with the new budget. Additional discussion explored possible adjustments dealing with cost of living changes. Sharing the income and expenses as well as the realities of the budget with the congregation is crucial. A motion to send this to the Congregation next month was made by Robin; it was seconded by Adam. Motion was approved.

Fellowship: A written report was submitted. November 15th is the turkey dinner with \$200 earmarked for the Evans City Library and the remainder will go to the Priority Project. Staci seconded this motion made by the committee. Applefest sales are ongoing. A spaghetti dinner will be held this Saturday and the funds will go towards Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Learning Ministry/Youth: No written report was provided. A Youth Calendar is being developed.

Memorial: No written report was provided.

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Mutual Ministry: No written report was provided.

Property: A written report was submitted. On Friday, September 26th the floors in Luther Hall were scrubbed and rewaxed. Four names were submitted for the bathroom remodeling jobs, and more should be forthcoming. Goals for renovation were discussed. The electrical panel has been repaired. There has been a request for additional electrical panels in Luther Hall. How this might occur and the aesthetics were discussed. This will be explored.

Worship and Music: A written report was submitted. A School kit blessing along with the adult clothing protectors was held on September 28th. Mums needed to be ordered by the 5th of this month. The picnic shelter was the site of the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday afternoon, October 5th. Harvest Home and the change to Setting 4 will occur on October 12th. Reformation Sunday is October 26th. Coming up on November 9th will be the Healing Service and the Congregational Meeting. A Thank Offering will take place on November 16th.

Unfinished Business:

Church Constitution Update: The changes to the model Constitution have been published; Dan Erin and Michael Bettencourt will work on ours.

Poetry Book: Patti is looking for suggestions on how to sell the thirty books that were donated to our church by the author, Kim Chen Fyock. The funds will be going to our church. We'll select a Sunday to do this.

Rummage Sale: Over \$2,700 was made from this event. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped set up, sell, and pack up the remaining items in Luther Hall after the event.

New Business/Miscellaneous:

New Members: Larry and Deb Mort joined the church in October.

Pastor Concerns: Member issues were shared. Pastor may initiate a discussion at the Adult Sunday School class this week with questions that some may submit regarding the ELCA's positions on a variety of issues. Further discussion due to the late hour was tabled.

Nomination Committee: This has been formed for four, future Council members. A two-year term vacated by Cindy Ayres and replaced with Marge Wearing will also be vacant. Dan Erin, Adam Price, Rita Reifenstein and Jane Taylor are all going off Council for the three year term, so four new members need to be chosen. Adam will begin contacting members to determine interest. Nominations for Synod Assembly were also discussed. One person is also needed for the Mission Endowment Fund committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment and Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 P.M. Staci moved to adjourn and it was seconded by Corey. Motion carried. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Flach, Council Secretary



Worship News and Volunteer Calendar

Date	011/02/2025	11/09/2025	11/16/2025	11/23/2025	11/30/2025
Acolytes	Lily Johns	Ethan Johns	Gianna Bonicky	Logan Thomas	Penelope Erin
Altar Flowers (\$20/vase)	Marlene Domhoff	Bea King			Eilene Budisky
Altar Guild	Lisa Burr	Lisa Burr	Lisa Burr	Lisa Burr	Lisa Burr
Asst. Minister	Glenn Fulghum	Teresa O'Malley	Robin Van Dyke	Ted Lindgren II	Karen Ferrari
Bell Ringer	Adam Price	Jason Plank	Davin Beahm	Corey Walker	Josh Green
Eternal Candle (\$15)	Rick Riddle Becky Riddle	Rick Riddle Becky Riddle	Rick Riddle Becky Riddle	Rick Riddle Becky Riddle	Rick Riddle Becky Riddle
Greeters	Tom Ayers & Cindy Ayers	Davin Beahm & Heidi Beahm	Margaret Clawson & Jane Taylor	Pat Capella & Dean Zinkham	Joan Hogan & Becky Rengers
Lector	Robin VanDyke	Ted Lindgren II	Melissa Bonicky	Karen Ferrari	Charlie Flach
Nursery	Staci Bettencourt	Emily Taylor	Marge Lindgren	Cheryl Thomas	Beverly Barkley
Offering Counters	Dan Guerriero Jan Hogan	Dan Guerriero Jan Hogan	Dan Guerriero Jan Hogan	Dan Guerriero Jan Hogan	Dan Guerriero Jan Hogan
Tech Support	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price
Ushers	Joe Ludwik Dean Zinkhann	Adam Price Rob Burr	Cindy Ayers Tom Ayers	Dan & Casey Guerriero	Heidi Beahm Brian Johns

Sundays in November:

November 2—All Saints Sunday

November 9—Service with Prayers for Healing

November 16—Thankoffering Service

November 23—Christ the King Sunday

November 30—First Sunday of Advent

Upcoming Youth Schedule:

Friday, 11/7 - Saturday 11/8, 7pm - 9 am -
Overnight at Church

11/15 - Turkey Dinner
(opportunity to serve and stay for games)

11/16 - Worship. Meeting. Lunch.

11/30 - SPY Advent Lunch - prepare during Sunday
School. All help during and afterwards

12/13, 10 am - Christmas Program Rehearsal

12/19, 5 - 10 pm - Christmas dinner (5-6pm),
caroling (6-8pm), party

12/20, 10 am - Christmas Program Rehearsal

12/21, 6 pm - Christmas Program



November Calendar

St. Peter's Events

Nov 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

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



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

You are invited to St. Peter's annual congregational meeting on
Sunday, November 9th immediately following worship. Agenda items include:
2026 Church Budget

Elections:

2025-2028 Church Council
2026 Synod Assembly Representatives
2025-2028 Mission Endowment Fund Committee



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Our Staff:

Pastor Brandon Johns

Heidi Beahm,
After School Director

Marlene Domhoff,
Organist / Music Director

Joe Ludwik,
Sexton

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



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