

St. Peter's Post 9/1/25

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



From the Pastor:

“If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life” Deut. 30:16-19

I am fortunate in many ways. One of them is that for most of my life, August has meant a trip to Ocean City, NJ with my family for a week. In these last years, I have used early beach mornings to reconnect with the outdoors and restart my annual attempt at physical fitness by going for morning runs. In reality, run is too strong of a word and likely an insult to actual runners, but I’m out there for about 25 minutes churning up some sand.

Often as I am out for my morning jog, I end up facing a dilemma. Sometimes, I pass by a really nice shell or a whole swath of washed up shells, sure to contain a smaller gem. Other times there is trash washed ashore or left behind in the sand. On a rare occasion, there are horseshoe crabs in need of assistance on their return to the ocean. Any of these could be worthy reasons to stop, but that would take away from my run.

Immediately, Hebrews echoes in my mind, “lay aside every weight and the sin that easily distracts, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us” (12:1) as well as other times St. Paul references running our race (Phil. 3:13-14 & 1 Cor. 9:24, for example). They seem to be telling to me to press on and not to get distracted. Leave the shells. However, maybe these verses weren't really meant for that particular race.

It occurs to me that we fall victim to this line of thinking, this confusion, all too often. We mistake a particular race we are on, our race to climb the social and/or economic ladders, to maximize profits, to become a starter on the team, to plan a wedding, to be on the next great cruise, as THE Race. These are but pieces of the metaphorical race to which Paul and Hebrews refer, as are other aspects of our lives. None are meant to be most important.

Life lived purposefully in the Lord and intentionally following the course set by Christ is the race to which we have been called. How well we run it is not measured in stride lengths or seconds, but in the love we give and the mercy we extend to others. We run this race with faith, that is trusting that the cruciform course set by Christ is good and life-giving and that the finish line is likewise good, life-giving, and in the perfect spot. How I treat others at work, how I respond to difficult family dynamics, how I prioritize my time, how I relate to money, and more are all steps that reflect how On The Way I am or if I need help with course correction.

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All of these thoughts parade through my mind to the rhythm of intentionally placed steps and breaths. Then I am reminded that the time of my run and exercise are, indeed, important. However, I am out there for something related but even more important: well-being.

Anticipating the joy of the children when they discover shells brought back with them in mind stretches my heart. Extending mercy to Creation through assisting crabs and removing trash heals me. Noticing God's presence through it all fills me with Holy Breath. So on a Monday morning in Ocean City, NJ I did otherwise unremarkable things: picked up some shells, returned horseshoe crabs to the ocean, and carried trash back to the nearest cans. Yet, in these interruptions to my run, I found the true well-being of the Race. As it says in Ephesians, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (2:10). God made us to walk in love and mercy. It's who we are.

2025 Church Mission Trip

By: Elsa Plank

The 2025 church mission trip was incredible! From the laughs and giggles to the serious and thoughtful moments, I had fun through all of it.

On day 1 we got here in New Bern, NC after a 9 hour drive. The drive was long but we made many memories through it. I personally think this was the time everybody started getting more comfortable and used to each other. We got there and got unpacked and ready for bed.

Starting day 2 we ate breakfast then got started on orientation. During orientation the couple running the organization talked about how their house got damaged by the hurricane just as they were thinking about retiring and stop taking care of their special needs grandson. The hurricane financially broke them. They had to give up their plans and didn't know what to do. They put their faith in God enough and He sent a person to help get them out of their struggles. He gave them the idea to begin to help others through their struggles. After orientation we got started on seeing what houses we got to help with. One of the ladies' names was Miss Sandera. She needed her flooring replaced, so we decided the boys and Mr. Price would go and help there. The other lady's name was Miss Janett. We decided the girls and Pastor would go there.

After we dropped the boys off at Miss Sandera's house we went to the house we were working on. When we got there and opened the front door a big rush of overwhelmingness washed over us. There were little things and trinkets everywhere! The look on Pastor's face said it all! Once we looked at what we had to do we started painting the ceiling with a mold protectant then two coats of white paint. We got the first room done then decided to go pick up the boys. After we picked up the boys we decided to go to the beach. Once we got to the beach we got into the ocean, jumped waves and had such a good time! After about two hours we went back to the house to make dinner for the night, tacos! We ate dinner and had a very good conversation going around the table talking about our "High, Lows, and Buffalos" which is the high of our day, the low of the day, then a random thing that happened that day. Next we did devotions. Pastor always knew the right thing to say to calm us down and make his words sink in deep. When we finished with devotions we went to bed.

On the 3rd day of the trip, we ate breakfast then went straight to the houses. On the 3rd day we got 1 room finished and 2 rooms primed then another room taped. While Pastor was in the front yard of the house making a front porch. Yumalai saw a rat! We quickly decided to not go into that room and just to close the door for the rest of the time we were there. After we finished for the day, we went to explore the town of New Bern. We started at a beautiful park! At the park there was a gorgeous gazebo and there were many ducks! Then we went on a walk around town looking into the little shops. Unfortunately, we got there a little late and all of the shops were closed, but it was really fun just to see all of them!

It was a really cute little town! We started making our way to the car, but on our way we were going to stop at the Tryon Palace. It was incredible! As the sun started to set we made our way to the car. On our way we stopped to see the breathtaking view of the sunset! The sun was slowly setting over the bay with the water rippling from small sailboats miles away! The sky was splashed with pink clouds and orange sky! In the distance was a highway curving on the water. Right next to the water was a couple and their son catching crabs that took the time to say hi and answer the questions we were asking them. We made our way back to the car, then went back to the housing group. When we got back we had devotions. That night devotions had really stuck with me. Pastor said that it takes nothing to give a compliment but it means a lot to receive one! Then we gave examples of when we received compliments that day, and how it meant a lot to us.

On the 4th day, we woke up and went to breakfast. We had morning devotions, we talked about how we others see God through us and our actions. Then, throughout the day we would try to show others God through us. We went to the houses and began our work. That day we experienced God when a picture frame fell onto a glass table with plenty of glass trinkets on it. It sounded like everything shattered! But thankfully nothing broke! That day we got 3 more rooms done! After we finished we decided to just stay at the house to play games and make bracelets. We had a ton of fun and made lots of memories! Later that night we had devotions. That night the devotions were incredible. We sat in a circle and told someone a compliment. It meant a lot! The 4th day was a really good day!

Once our 5th day came it was the last day we were going to be working at our houses. It was Anna's birthday so we decided to make pancakes for breakfast. After breakfast we had morning devotions then left for our last day working. Once we got there we worked for a while then had lunch. During lunch we went into the van to eat. When we were eating we asked Pastor many questions including, theology, structural things about the church, his sermons, and other really random questions. Though all of them Pastor answered them with much compassion and love. After lunch we kept working. At one point there were quite a bit of trash bags placed into a corner in a room. So many bags that we couldn't get into the corner of it! We asked the main construction worker, Jeremy, if he would come in the room and give us ideas on how to get the corner painted. After he came in he told us that we only had to do one coat of paint when we were doing three in every room! We were a little upset at first but then decided to change our attitudes and be grateful for the two other rooms we hadn't painted yet. Once we finished, we went outside to see how Pastor was doing. He was so proud of his deck he built! It looked so good! After that, we went into the car. We started talking and we all were very relieved that we had finished! After a little bit I simply asked if we could turn on the radio. Well... that simple request turned into winning a prize from the radio station from answering one of their trivia questions! After we picked up the boys we went to pick up the prize from the station's HQ. We won shirts for everyone and a book. We went back to the house and got ready to leave for the Pepsi birthplace. We got to the Pepsi shop we went in and looked at all of the artifacts. After Mr. Price graciously bought us all drinks out of the same faucet the first one was made! After we went to Bojangles, Bojangles is a restaurant that has really good chicken and biscuits. Throughout the trip every time we saw a Bojangles we would shout BOJANGLES!!! So we were so excited to go! Big thanks to Pastor for paying for our Bojangles. After that we went to the beach! Now the sunset there was the best sunset I have ever seen! We jumped in the waves again and played volleyball. Seeing the sunset was definitely a time I saw Jesus!

Throughout the trip I had so much fun! Thank you so much to the congregation for funding it! Thank you so much for supporting us by going to our fundraisers, prayers, weekly offering, and so much more! Thank you to all the people that went on the trip! Once again thank you!



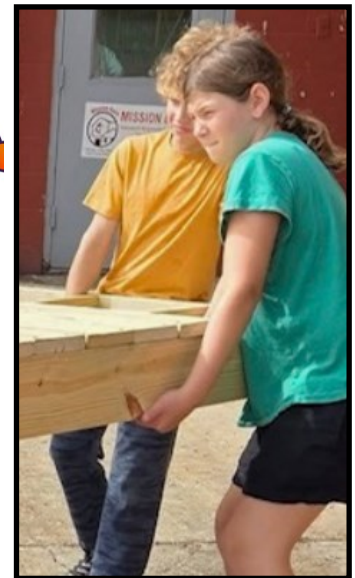
S.P.Y. Working Together



St. Peter's Youth group and Pastor had a great time miniature golfing at Fun Fore All after worship on Sunday, August 17. Thank you to the St. Peter's sponsors who made this trip free for our youth! Also, congratulations to Owen Price for coming into the clubhouse with the lowest score and his displays of generosity to the group. After lunch, golf, ice cream, and many laughs together, our youth decided there isn't a youth group out there that has more fun than ours. What a blessing!



On August 5th youth in grades 4-8 from St. Peter's joined others from Westminster and St. John's in a day of service at the Mission Marn in New Castle. They built sections of ramps to be installed at homes around the county and assembled emergency kits that get used all over the country.



Fan Appreciation Night & Thank Yous

St. Peter's Apostles made it all the way to the championship round for the league this year. Fan appreciation night was so much fun! A special thank you to Pastor Johns who provided food and prizes for the fans. He was on double duty as a player and entertainer and hosted quite well as you can see by the many smiling faces. Congratulations to the team on their many wins!



A great big Thank You to Pastor and our St. Peter's Apostles ball team for sponsoring Fan Appreciation Night. The team furnished pizzas, watermelon, cantaloupe, popcorn, cookies, drinks, and prizes. We have the best fan base ever.



Thank you,
Barb Graham



Many thanks to Cheryl Thomas for donating this fun airplane for the kids to enjoy. As you can see, many children enjoying their time on it after the outdoor service and hopefully will for years to come.





On Saturday, August 17th many gathered for the annual corn roast. A special thank you to the Raupp's for donating the delicious corn and for the fellowship committee for organizing all the fun and bingo prizes too!

The pot luck meal was delicious and the desserts were out of this world! God certainly provided a beautiful day for our church family to spend time together.



Lucius Merrison and Barb Graham pause for a picture together at the Corn Roast.



Children's Ministry

Our annual back to school blessing was held on August 18th. Great job to everyone who remembered their school supplies and if not still attended the blessing portion as a student who will be heading off to school soon. Yes, Matthew, that includes you who will be off to Sunday school soon. A little to young for preschool like his sisters, he still had his backpack on and was ready to participate. Thank you to Miss Karen who helped put his backpack on during the blessing. God's work, our hands and we are much better together.



ST. PETER'S PRESENTS

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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GRADES K-6

TUITION FEE: \$120 MONTHLY

WHAT WE OFFER:

- HOMEWORK HELP
- OUTDOOR PLAY
- GAMES
- CRAFTS
- KID FRIENDLY SNACKS
- WEEKLY WEDNESDAY KIDS MINISTRY NIGHT (UNTIL 7:15) (OPTIONAL)

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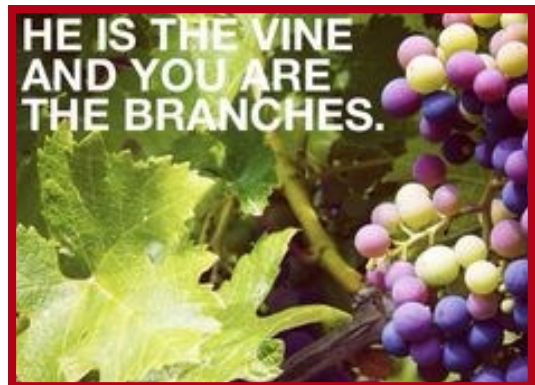


Three of our young people joined youth from St. Paul's, Zion, and Oak Grove Lutheran Churches for a music camp that was two hours for five evenings in one week hosted by Pastor Brewer at St. Paul's. They did a great job of memorizing their lines and songs for the musical entitled *Forever Friends*, which told the story of Jesus, Mary, and Martha. Congratulations Liberty, Lucius, and Kate!

Wine and Cheese Fellowship Event



A special thank you to Heinie & Jane Raupp for hosting the wine, cheese, and other goodies night at their home on Saturday, August 23rd. It was a wonderful time of togetherness, a reflection of the pricelessness of our community, as we shared sorrows and joys with each other. Games and stories also added to the joy of the night. Fellowship as Christ's body is truly a gift from God.



Manna Night

Manna Night Has Returned!

If you would like to volunteer to help with this program please see Pastor Johns or Patti Flach. The evening runs from 5:30 to 7:15 and includes dinner, Bible time, games, crafts, and lots of fun! Hope you can join our kids for an evening of fun! Our theme this year is

**Footsteps in Faith:
Stories from the Book of Acts**



Many thanks to the volunteers who made the Manna Night kick off so special this year! EMS volunteers came with an ambulance. Also, Matt Otto and Dan Vicheck from the E.C.



Fire Depart. gave a great presentation that showed us the importance of knowing that the fire rescue team are the "good guys" and are there to help us in a time of need, just like how God is there for all of us always!

Save the Date & Plan to Join Us!

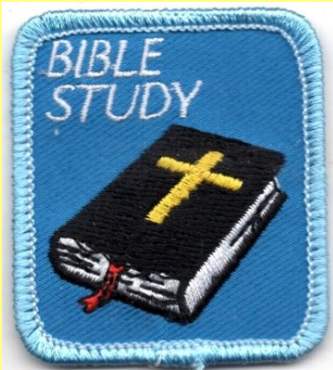
On **Friday, September 26th at 6 pm**, we will celebrate our 2025 Softball season with a picnic at the Bonickys', who will provide burgers and drinks. All are welcome! It's helpful to let Pastor know ahead so he and the Bonickys can plan accordingly. In addition to food and fellowship, we will play games and hand out end of season awards.



Our 2025 Softball season was a lot of fun for players and fans! Veterans and rookies came together with a great spirit of joy at the chance to be together and participate in fellowship of the ballfield. Our fans continue to love and uplift the team through good games and tough times, cheering us all the way to Game 5 of the championship series this season. Thank you to Roberta & Marlene Domhoff (*Waiting on You Hand and Foot Business*) for sponsoring the team again this year. Finally, thanks to the players and fans who make the softball team and season a vital and joyful ministry of our congregation.

3rd Annual Elisa Walker Memorial Vitalant Blood Drive is on the calendar!

Please save the date and volunteer to donate at St. Peter's on October 27th from 2-7 pm.



Bible study returns!
When? Thursday,
September 25th! The link
is emailed weekly. If you
would like to join let
Pastor Johns know that
you would like to be added
to the group email.

Join us for...

Rally Day

SEPTEMBER 7TH

Sunday School 9 am (for all ages)

Kick off the Sunday school year in the picnic shelter as students are welcomed and then share together in large group learning and activities.

Worship 10:15 am

Join your church family and friends for the monthly Lutheran lunch outing on Wednesday, September 10th at 12 pm. We will meet at TJ's Hideaway. 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.



Activities & Fundraisers



Order forms for fall mums for our annual harvest home celebration will be coming out soon! Harvest home will be celebrated October 12 but orders will be due in September.

Food Cupboard

Pack up is after worship on September 14! This month, we are collecting facial tissues and paper towels



St. Peter's **Sunday School Program** is in need of substitutes to fill in when our full-time teachers are not able to attend. If you enjoy working with children, have your clearances (the church can order them for you if not), and would be willing to fill in for a teacher, please speak to Jenn Erin after worship.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Where: Here at St. Peter's

When: Sat. Oct. 11th

Time: 4:30– 7 pm

We are looking for a nomination of someone or a family to benefit from our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser this year. If you or someone you know could use some financial assistance, please talk to Pastor, so we can rally around you or your nominee. Thanks!

We will be accepting clean ready to sell items for our annual rummage sale on **9/8**. Please do not put price your items. Our sale is a name your own price sale. Volunteers are needed to make this sale successful!

Proceeds will benefit our Manna Night children's program and St. Peter's Campers that attend Lutheran.

Set up: Sept. 19th 9:30 am — 4:30 pm

Sale Dates: Sept. 20th 9 am — 4 pm,
Sept. 21st 9 am — 4 pm



APPLE FEST

The Apple Fest is coming soon.

Thank you for all the donations so far! Now many hands are needed to make this event possible.

Please save the dates below to volunteer and have fun and fellowship during our annual event!

Apple Fest:

Sept. 20th & 21st

Dumpling Assembly:

Sat. Sept. 7th at 8:30 am

Apple Cutting for Apple Butter:

Fri. Sept. 13th at 8:30 am

Apple Butter Making:

Sat. Sept. 14th at 5:00 am - 3 pm ?



Outdoor Worship & National Night Out



St. Peter's annual outdoor service was held on Sunday, August 3rd with many in attendance.

The kids felt right at home on a rolled out carpet or on Pastors' lap for the Children's message.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Evans City's annual Community Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 5th from 6-8 pm. The event featured free swimming after a community meal. The event was supported by the Evans City Police, Fire Department, Borough Council, and local churches. A special thank you to everyone who donated snacks and salads from St. Peter's.



Financial Facts

July 2025 Contributions:

Fund Description	Amount
204 W.E.L.C.A.	50.00
213 Synod Benevolence	1,260.75
240 Evans City Library	88.50
242 EDCO Park	20.00
244 ALS of Western PA	80.00
400 Current Fund Income	12,982.48
401 Music Fund Income	135.00
405 Flower Income	222.00
407 Priority Project Income	1,050.00
408 After School Program Income	300.00
410 Campership Income	10.00
Grand Total	16,198.73

2025 Contributions to Date

Fund Description	Amount
204 W.E.L.C.A.	216.00
206 Madagascar	2,566.00
211 Meals on Wheels	126.00
212 Food Cupboard	1,544.80
213 Synod Benevolence	10,597.45
214 ELCA World Hunger Appeal	100.00
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	352.00
218 Lutheran Service Society	281.28
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	427.00
244 ALS of Western PA	2,206.00
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	300.00
400 Current Fund Income	107,599.31
401 Music Fund Income	532.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	1,715.00
405 Flower Income	2,055.50
406 Youth Fund Income	619.00
407 Priority Project Income	7,281.00
408 After School Program Income	10,938.00
410 Campership Income	3,921.50
412 Manna Night	1,232.50
440 Softball Team Income	600.00
441 Church Outings Income	620.00
Grand Total	158,566.84

2025 Synod Benevolence Commitment Pledge

St. Peter's 2025 approved budget included a pledge to the SWPA synod for the purpose of Benevolence in the amount of \$15,000.00. As of the end of July we have successfully raised \$8,460.85 toward this pledge.

There is a line on your envelope if you would like to contribute to the Benevolence pledge. All unmarked contributions will be designated 90% to the Current Fund and 10% to the Synod Benevolence pledge.

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for September

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause will support Passavant Retirement Community, Zelienople. If you would like to support this cause, please mark LSL on the Other line on your contribution envelope.



A Financial Update – in an effort to keep everyone informed about our current financial situation the reconciled treasurers report of our Current Fund as of the end of July 2025 is as follows: Current Fund \$2,351.24, Memorial Fund \$11,334.74, Youth Fund \$9,132.78, Manna Fund \$5,703.03, Priority Project Fund \$5,708.23, After School Program \$7,223.71. Many thanks to those who continue to give to these funds which give us the ability to serve Christ and others.

ALS

ASSOCIATION

Dear Friends of ALSA, Thank you for your generous donation and support of the ALS community. On July 10, a donation of \$2,126 was donated in loving memory of Rege Rengers with an undesignated gift restriction.

Donations came from the annual Rege Rengers Cornhole Tournament. Thanks to all who contributed!

Women of the ELCA

Purpose Statement

As a community of women

Created in the image of God,
Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and
Empowered by the Holy Spirit

We commit ourselves to

Grow in Faith,
Affirm our gifts
Support one another in our callings,
Engage in ministry and action, and
Promote healing and wholeness
In the church, the society, and the world.

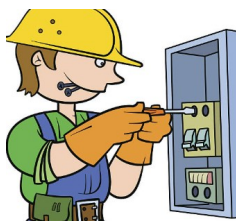
Mission Statement

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in
Jesus Christ.

Sept. 24	Executive Board Meeting via Zoom
Sept. 26	Board Meeting at Camp Lutherlyn
Sept. 26-28	SW/NW Joint Retreat at Camp Lutherlyn
Oct. 18	Bishop-Elect Stoller's Installation at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh
Nov. 20	Executive Board Meeting via Zoom
Nov. 22	Board Meeting at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Uniontown
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March 5	Executive Board Meeting via Zoom
March 7	Board Meeting via Zoom
May 2	Synodical Convention, Site – TBD
June 12	Executive Board Meeting via Zoom
June 13	Board Meeting at St. John Lutheran Church in Carnegie
July 13-14	Virtual Triennial Convention
July 16-19	Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa

PROPERTY WORK

Our property committee organized a work day to wax the floor in Luther Hall on Friday, September 26th. Work will begin at 8 am with removal of tables and chairs. All help is welcomed!



The main electrical panel was replaced in the church basement in August. We are very excited that this will fix the issue of the outdoor lights and lights in the clothing cupboard not working properly. Thank you to Heinie Raupp for his dedication to supervising this project and seeing it to completion.

Our property committee has been hard at work making sure our property is looking nice and is safe for everyone. A professional pew restoration company will be working on our pews in September to make sure they are all repaired and properly secured.



Thoughts & Prayers

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

Val Kurth (Breast Cancer)
Todd Manuel (blood cancer)
Diane Marburger
Joe Marburger
Patty Marburger
Jane Mashuda
Diamond McCracken
Berty 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
David Wobb



PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

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

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INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

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

The family of Carol Kerr
The family of Clark Graham
The family of Gary Checkan

pray

Council Minutes August 7, 2025

Present: Dan Erin (Zoom), Patti Flach, Casey Guerriero, Jan Hogan, Pastor Johns, Adam Price, Rita Reifenstein, Corey Walker

Absent: Cindy Ayres, Staci Bettencourt, Robin Plank, Linda Schmidt, Jane Taylor

Reception of Visitors: None

President Adam Price called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. Following this, the Pastor led us in a review and a discussion about the current Setting 8 used on Sundays during the summer. This was followed by prayers.

Minutes: Minutes from the June 10th meeting were read and approved. Rita motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Adam. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: A detailed, written report was submitted that included many recent activities for June and July. Some of these included the Teen Mission Trip, the Synod Assembly with the election of Bishop Melissa Stoller, and the hiring of a new secretary. Rita moved to accept the report and it was seconded by Jan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and the Financial Secretary's Report: Both the June and July reports were reviewed and discussed. The current fund has rebounded. A motion to accept was made by Patti and seconded by Casey. The motion carried.

Financial: No written report was submitted. VENMO is set up and is available. The bill for the Storm Water Authority Assessment has charged us per parcel (4) instead of one entity. Dean Zinkhann will look into this. He arranged for Pastor to speak with Mark Widdershiem, the borough's representative to the authority, but no resolution was made. An appeal will be made.

Fellowship: No written report was submitted. The Peach Potluck was held on July 20th and the Corn Roast is scheduled for August 16th. The deadline for the Sight and Sound Theatre trip is approaching. The Annual Wine & Cheese outing at the Raupp's is set for Saturday, August 23rd. Applefest and the Rummage Sale are planned for September 19-20, 2025.

Learning Ministry/Youth: No written report was provided, but a meeting is scheduled for August 28th.

Memorial: No written report was provided.

Mutual Ministry: No written report was provided.

Property: A written report was submitted. In addition to a separate bid from another company, two bids were received from Fender Electric for the main basement electrical panel and the associated work. A recommendation to accept the \$3,090.00 Fender bid was made by the committee. This would be paid from the Priority Project Fund. Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried. A second recommendation was for the repair of the pews by Craig Peck at a cost of \$1,025. A motion to accept was made by Rita. Motion carried. This will also be funded from the Priority Project. On Friday, September 26th the floors in Luther Hall will be scrubbed and rewaxed. The fire extinguishers have been checked. Recent repairs to the parsonage include the following: repainting patches, fixing an upstairs toilet, clearing and cleaning sink and shower drains, and addressing the attic entrance.

Worship and Music: A written report was submitted. An outdoor service was held on 8/3.

Council Minutes (continued)

Unfinished Business:

Church Constitution Update: A new presiding Bishop-Elect for ELCA, Yehiel Curry, was chosen. The changes to the model Constitution have not yet been published. Dan Erin and Michael Bettencourt will work on ours once we receive this information. This group may be looking for others to join them.

Building Use Request: AA was not able to be here last month and no longer needs to use our building.

Church Secretary: Lisa French was hired at the end of June as our new church secretary.

New Business/Miscellaneous:

Council Appointment: Cindy Ayres has submitted a letter of resignation from Council due to family commitments. Adam moved to accept this with grace and regrets. Rita seconded this. Motion was reluctantly carried. According to the Constitution, the Council shall select a person for this position. This will be offered until the end of 2025 first to those who expressed interest earlier and were part of the previous election. A motion was made by Dan to appoint Marge Wearing to this position pending her acceptance to said appointment. Jan seconded this, and the motion carried.

Rummage Sale: A request was made to initiate setting up for the sale on Monday, September 15th. The community quilting group has already agreed not to meet that week.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment and Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Stacy moved to adjourn and Jan seconded it. Motion carried. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Flach, Council Secretary



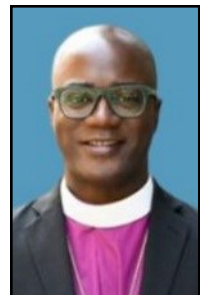
The Rev. Melissa L. Stoller was elected on June 13 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the SWPA Synod of the ELCA.

"In these liminal times, it is important that we strengthen our ties," Rev. Stoller said, "so that we may be Church together, communities of justice of hope, sharing the Good News with our neighbors."

The bishop-elect has served as Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) and Assistant to the Bishop for the SWPA Synod since 2017.

Rev. Stoller begins the work of bishop on September 1, and will be installed on Saturday, October 18, 1 PM at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church, 517 Sangree Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the ELCA. Speaking to the assembly after his election, Curry reflected, "I never saw myself as good enough, so for two years, I said no. I finally said yes. When I said yes, your support, this church's support, of that ministry meant everything. So if you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me, and I want to say thank you. Thank you for your investment." Curry has served as bishop of the ELCA Metro Chicago Synod since 2019.



Worship News and Volunteers

Date	09/07/2025	09/14/2025	09/21/2025	09/28/2025
Acolytes	Gus Mossor	Alyssa Mossor	C O M M U N I T Y	Meera Lindgren
Altar Flowers	Wes & Linda	Beverly & Troy		Jane Taylor
Altar Guild	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley		Teresa O'Malley
Asst. Minister	Robin VanDyke	Ted Lindgren II		Glenn Fulghum
Bell Ringer	Wes Schmidt	Adam Price		Davin Beahm
Communion	Teresa O'Malley	Ted Lindgren III		Robin VanDyke
Eternal Candle (\$15)	Karen Ferrari	Karen Ferrari		Karen Ferrari
Greeters	Dan & Casey Guerriero	Walt & Amy Gregorovich		Luann Brosius & Becky Riddle
Lector	Teresa O'Malley	Emma Plank		Adam Price
Nursery	Cheryl Thomas	Marge Lindgren		Beverly Barkley
Offering Counters	Erin Price & Debbie Merrison	Erin Price & Debbie Merrison		Erin Price & Debbie Merrison
Tech Support	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm		Heidi Beahm
Ushers	Dan Guerriero	Casey Guerriero		Brian Johns

Community Worship- we invite you to join us at this service on Sunday, September 21st at 10 am. The service will take place in front of the Evans City Fire Hall. Communion will be offered at this service as well. If you would like to bring your own chair you are welcome to do so or you can use the chairs that are provided.

A GREAT BIG "Thank You" to everyone who graciously shared their talents this summer, providing special music for our Sunday Services. It is greatly appreciated.

Marlene Domhoff



Calendar

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

Choirs:



Senior Choir will be held on
September 3, 10, & 24 at 7:00 pm.

Bell Choir takes place after worship and
starts on 9/28 at noon. Grab a snack then
ring in some good time with friends!



September Birthdays

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

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| 1 Becky Riddle | 13 Bev Critchlow |
| 2 Kay Burr | 14 Colton Wearing |
| 5 Joy Nalevanko | 15 Ella Jason |
| 5 Erin Price | 19 Matt Otto |
| 7 Ron Blinn | 20 Brian Johns |
| 8 Liberty Merrison | 24 Rob Burr |
| 9 Debbie Merrison | 24 Luke Johns |
| 9 Keith Otto | 24 Ted Lindgren III |
| 9 Ray Middleton | 27 Sharon Lintz |
| 11 Alvera Blinn | 27 Seth Price |
| 11 Emersyn Walker | 30 Luann Brosius |
| 11 Glenn Goehring | 30 Curt C. Johns |
| 12 Cam Norris | |

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Marlene Domhoff,

Organist / Music Director

Joe Ludwik, *Sexton*

Lisa French,

Secretary



- The Sunday Bulletin Deadline is Wednesdays at 10 am
- Monthly Newsletter Deadline is the 3rd Sunday of each month

Sunday School Resumes 9-7-2025

Pre-K—Adults 9:00 am

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays at 10:15 am

- Check Our Weekly Calendar of other events.

Office Hours for Secretary:

M-F 9 am—noon



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