# St. Peter's Post 11/1/26

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



## From the Pastor

*"O come, let us sing to the Lord;*
*let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*
*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;*
*let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" ~Psalm 95:1-2*

A doxology is a short statement or song of praise to God, and often it gets added onto the end of another hymn, song, or part of liturgy so we have the sense of it being an ending because of that. Really, though, it's the simple but powerful praise of God that truly defines what makes a doxology. Before I knew any of that, I was just a kid in an extended family member's basement waiting to stuff myself with a gigantic Thanksgiving lunch. That's how I learned "The Doxology."

Thomas Ken wrote the lyrics "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow…" in 1674 and attached them to the ends of the hymns he wrote then. It's not the first nor the last or even the most important doxology, but to me and to many others, those simple lines of praise are what come to mind first and most powerfully when the word doxology is mentioned. They are etched not only in my mind, but in my heart as well, because they were part of how a part of my family prayed when we gathered together to celebrate Thanksgiving.

After one of the elders offered and extemporaneous spoken prayer, there would be a pause to let the Amen linger perhaps. Then someone, often my Grandma Johns, who never feared to take charge, began singing The Doxology. It took some time for me to learn the words, and much longer for me to get close to the notes, but we joined in, a heavenly choir on earth. My grandparents, my great-aunts and uncles, my dad's cousins, old family friends, my aunts and uncles and cousins together joined in this simple song of praise that served as equal parts prayer and rejoicing. To young me, it was solemn and sweet, and in a basement of people who were my relatives but hardly known, once I learned to sing along, it was the time I felt most connected.

Time marched on. Old voices died out. Younger voices got older. Never was it exactly the same. Yet, the doxology never died. Year after year, we simply picked up the praise again, adding another verse to the song. I can still hear the notes as my grandmother sang them, a little nasally in her older years, as my Great-Uncle Carl gave them voice, with a rich throatiness that matched to round belly from whence they rose, and as my Great-Uncle Harold and Aunt Marian prayed them, with reverence and tenderness. I hope to hear them forever. I believe that I will.


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## From the Pastor

With confidence, I cling to that hope, because of the love and work of our Lord Jesus Christ and the promise of our Scripture. One of the appointed readings for this year's All Saints celebration is from Revelation, and John the Elder paints a beautiful picture of God's people from all time and place gathered together, loved for and cared for by God through Jesus. In response, in great joy at the presence of God who is with them and the resurrection life graced to them through Jesus (perhaps also in thanksgiving for being together with loved ones), the multitudes praise and worship God, without end. I can't help but think of The Doxology, sung by the extended Lipp family, as prayer and thanksgiving, with all voices joined together, ever ancient, always new.

Although praise may rise up spontaneously, I was taught The Doxology. Year after year, I learned the notes and words of praise. From them, I learned about prayer and thanksgiving and how they aren't just for good or hard times, but all times. I learned I have a place in the family and a part in the song, which is both invitation and responsibility. The generations before me taught me The Doxology on Thanksgiving afternoons and in daily life. They taught me so that I could be a part of the song that is not theirs alone, but God's eternal song. They taught me so that I could hope where others despair. They taught me so that I could teach others as well. Praise God, my sisters and brothers, and daily may your words and actions be as a song of praise before God that teaches children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grocery baggers, hairdressers, coworkers, friends, and strangers that they have a place in this heavenly choir directed by God, now and always. By God, this I believe. In Christ, this I hope. Praise God.



Our Theater Outing to *Elijah Prophet of Fire* was a wonderful experience of fellowship and entertainment as we traveled to The Ohio Star Theater in Sugarcreek Ohio. For some of us the entertainment started with time traveling in the church van. The whole group came together at the Dutch Valley Restaurant, where some people had pie for their appetizer! Some visited the gift shop and bakery, and all enjoyed the show.




A special thank you to everyone who donated items and for the families who led the effort to raise funds for Matt and Nicole's adoption journey. They have expressed their gratitude and love for the opportunity to share their story and be embraced by our community.









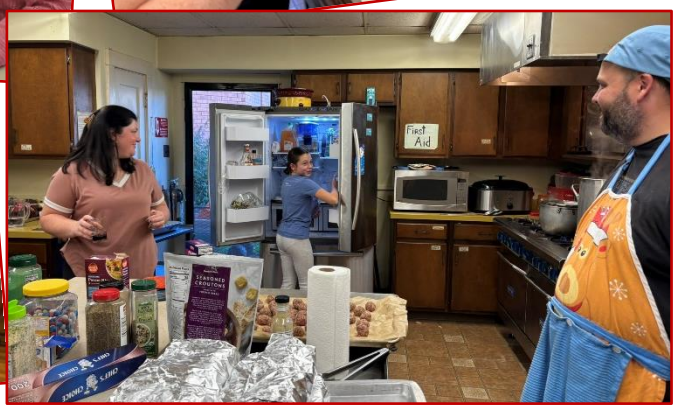












# PumpkinFest

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our annual pumpkin fest so successful. We raised approximately $800 for our After School Program and hosted over 100 members, friends, and neighbors for an evening of pumpkin carving, food, games, and spooky house adventures.
A special thank you to Herb McCracken from Outstanding Seed Company LLC and the Beahms for our pumpkins, Home Depot, and Thrivent Financial for sponsoring this event.






















# PumpkinFest – Carnival & Spooky House





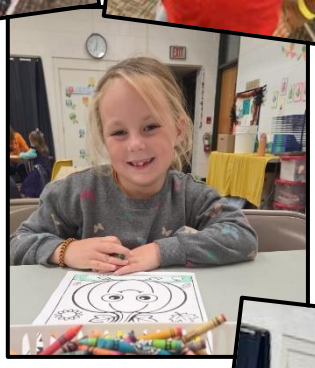














Smiles, Spiders & The Spooky Swamp

Watch Out for The Trolls













# Our Women of the ELCA



**WELCA Outreach Collection** – We are collecting items for our designated outreach, Reagan's Journey, assisting families of children with disabilities. The collection will run until 11/22. Items requested are $25 gift cards to Amazon, Walmart, or Sheetz and Disposable Wipes See the Fall Tree in Luther Hall and take a leaf or two.

reagan's journey™

Making Life Better for Children with Special Needs




It was another great night of fun, fellowship, and food. This event seems to be a hit, so look for it again, and let us know if you have any other ideas for new things to try with our Women's programming.



November 7th – Come and Sing to the Lord! St. Peter's will host the Fall Cluster Gathering on Saturday, November 7th at 9:00am. The cost is $6.00. Breakfast is provided. Deb Mort will accompany us for a Hymn Sing.
Join us and make a joyful noise to the Lord.
Reservations to Teresa O'Malley by November 1st.



Regular Monthly Meetings:

**1st Thursday** of each month @ 1pm
Book Study & snacks at the church

**4th Tuesday** of each month @ 7pm – Bible Study & Dessert
This gathering is hosted in member's homes.

** Every Thursday our quilters meet upstairs in the quilting room. All skill levels welcome!

# Announcements

**<u>500 Card Club</u>** – **Friday, November 6th** 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 potluck event so bring whatever you would like to share.

You are invited to St. Peter's
**Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 8th**
immediately following worship.
<u>Agenda items include</u>: 2027 Church Budget
<u>Elections</u>: 2027-2030 Church Council
2027 Synod Assembly Representatives
2027-2030 Mission Endowment Fund Committee

Join your church family and friends for our monthly lunch outing
**Wednesday, November 11th at 12 pm.**
**This month's restaurant is Bennie's 9**
1185 Freedom Rd, Cranberry Twp
Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Pastor if you are able to attend.



**<u>Advent Lunch</u>** - Sunday, November 29th after worship, SPY Youth will be hosting our Annual Advent Luncheon. Please plan on staying for the meal they will provide. Any funds donated for the lunch will support next summer's youth mission trip.

**<u>Bible Study</u>** – We gather on Thursday nights at 7pm via Zoom. Does the word "study" still give you chills worse than the spiders 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!



**<u>Food Drive</u>** – Thank you to everyone who donated for Harvest Home in September. In November, we will focus on collecting **Snacks, cookies, crackers, and popcorn.**

Join us the 2nd Sunday of each month after worship to pack food for folks in our community in need of a little extra help each month.

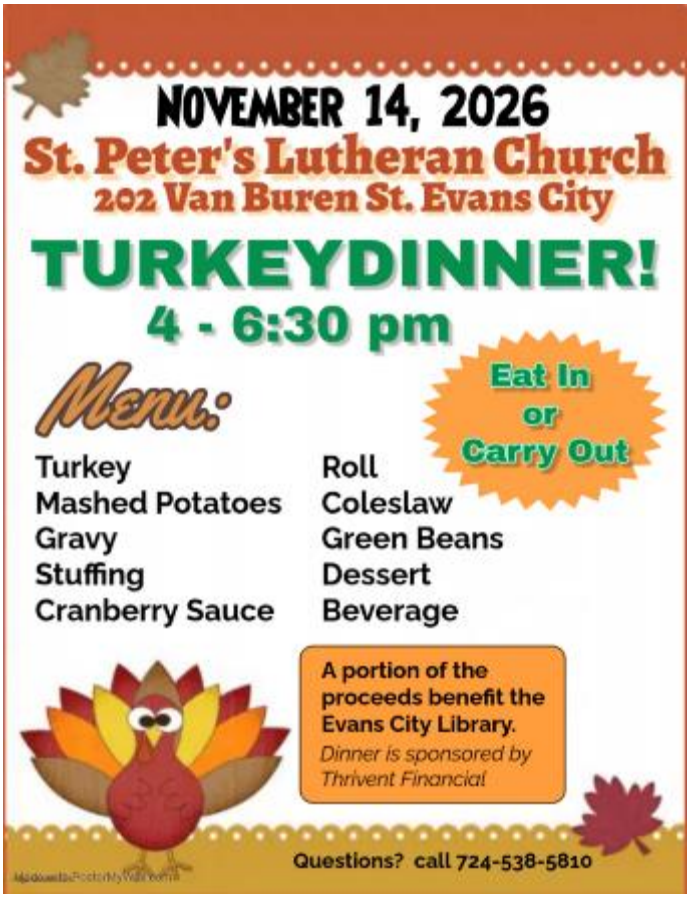
**<u>Helen's Helpers & Nancy's Needlers</u>** meet once a month to work on sewing service projects. They are currently working on school kit bags and clothing protectors. No experience necessary. There are tasks that can be done by all skill levels. Join them **Monday, November 9th at 10:00 am.**

## Looking Ahead…

11/6 – Bonfire and Games,
Grades 3rd-7th, 6-8:30pm
11/7 – AMEN to Action Service Project,
8 am-noon
11/8 – Fun Fore All,
Grades 7th-12th, 1-3:00pm
11/21 – Dinner & Devotions,
Grades 3rd-12th, 5-6:30pm,
then stay for Game Night at 6:30pm
11/29 – SPY Advent Lunch – 7th-12th
prepare during Sunday School
All help during and afterwards
12/12 – Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10am
12/12 – All SPY Christmas Party, 6-9:00pm
12/19 – Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10am
12/20 – Sunday School Christmas Program,
6:00pm, arrive at 5:30pm
12/22 – Christmas dinner (5-6:00pm),
Caroling (6-8:00pm)



# More Announcements & Birthdays



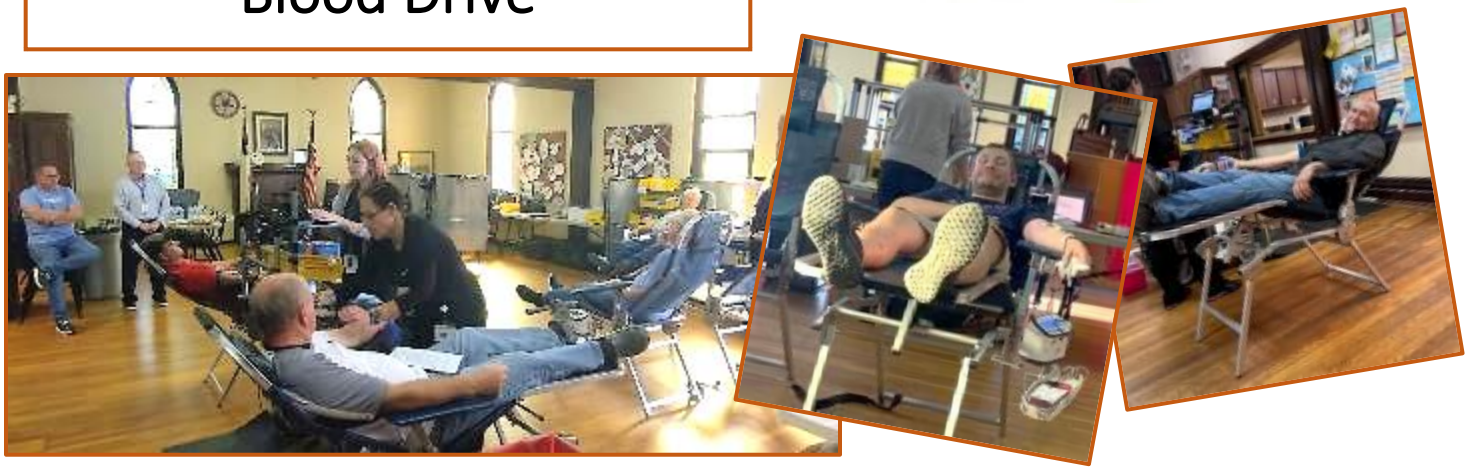

**St. Peter's Church Family Wishes**
**Many Blessings to You**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Dennis Schmidt | 18 | Ethan Johns |
| 2 | Janice Hogan | 20 | Joe Ludwik |
| 8 | Kelly Mazur | 22 | Charlie Flach |
| 9 | Amy Grigorovich | 22 | Vonda Weimer |
| 9 | Natalea Merrison | 23 | Glenn Fulghum |
| 11 | Mary Fulghum | 23 | Gus Mossor |
| 13 | Anna Johns | 25 | Larry Mort |
| 14 | Danielle Johns | 26 | Nancy Zattiero |
| 15 | Marsha Reedy | 26 | Madison Ainsworth |
| 15 | Terry Williams | 26 | Morgan Ainsworth |
| 16 | Becky Rengers | 29 | Tucker Van Dyke |
| 16 | Alex Barnett | 30 | Brinley Rengers |
| | | 30 | Lily Johns |




## 4th Annual Elisa Walker Blood Drive

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Thank you to all who were part of our hospitality team, spread the word, or donated this year. We topped last year's collections and received 23 successful donations.

# 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 15th.**



**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 10th after worship. All are welcome!**

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

**Please make home deliveries or utilize other creative drop offs.**

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**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):**

_____

_____

Ring Doorbell or other Camera System? ____ Yes ____ No

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

_____

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

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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 by Sunday, December 6. Thank you!



# Financial Facts

**September Contributions:**

| Fund | Description | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 212 | Food Cupboard | 100.00 |
| 213 | Synod Benevolence | 1,175.00 |
| 222 | Passavant Retire, Zelie | 45.00 |
| 241 | Evans City Fire Department | 10.00 |
| 242 | EDCO Park | 20.00 |
| 400 | Current Fund Income | 15,248.00 |
| 401 | Music Fund Income | 50.00 |
| 402 | Memorial Fund Income | 100.00 |
| 405 | Flower Income | 165.00 |
| 406 | Youth Fund Income | 736.33 |
| 407 | Priority Project Income | 1,504.00 |
| 408 | After School Program Income | 941.33 |
| 410 | Campership Income | 746.33 |
| 412 | Manna Night | 736.33 |
| 413 | Applefest | 7,228.00 |
| 441 | Church Outings Income | 1,314.00 |
| | **Grand Total** | **30,119.32** |

**2026 Contributions to Date:**

| Fund | Description | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 208 | Lutheran Campus Ministries | 25.00 |
| 211 | Meals on Wheels | 232.00 |
| 212 | Food Cupboard | 2,469.74 |
| 213 | Synod Benevolence | 11,549.95 |
| 217 | ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect | 138.76 |
| 218 | Lutheran Service Society | 215.66 |
| 222 | Passavant Retire, Zelie | 45.00 |
| 228 | Seminary | 121.00 |
| 234 | Sherri Ifft - Missionary | 82.00 |
| 240 | Evans City Library | 114.50 |
| 241 | Evans City Fire Department | 149.00 |
| 242 | EDCO Park | 514.00 |
| 244 | ALS of Western PA | 1,928.00 |
| 245 | Batten Disease | 5.00 |
| 299 | Pastor's Disc. Fund | 1,150.00 |
| 400 | Current Fund Income | 144,579.41 |
| 401 | Music Fund Income | 1,049.00 |
| 402 | Memorial Fund Income | 1,150.00 |
| 403 | MIF Endowment (M.M.) | 2,000.00 |
| 404 | Youth Money Market | 3,000.00 |
| 405 | Flower Income | 2,703.00 |
| 406 | Youth Fund Income | 2,749.29 |
| 407 | Priority Project Income | 33,706.45 |
| 408 | After School Program Income | 19,889.29 |
| 410 | Campership Income | 3,804.80 |
| 412 | Manna Night | 1,425.29 |
| 413 | Applefest | 8,139.00 |
| 421 | Vacation Bible School | 26.00 |
| 440 | Softball Team Income | 600.00 |
| 441 | Church Outings Income | 2,561.00 |
| | **Grand Total** | **246,122.14** |

## 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.

GLADE RUN
LUTHERAN SERVICES

Dear People of St. Peter's ,

Thank you for your generosity in giving to our shared mission as a Synod. Your gifts equip and empower the work of telling the story of Jesus here in SWPA and throughout the world in the ministries of the ELCA. It is an honor and a delight to be Church together with you!

In Christ,

Pastor Erin Jones

**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 2026 is as follows:

Current Fund $13,048.04
Memorial Fund $11,647.05
Youth Fund $9,172.88
Manna Fund $7,643.94
Priority Project Fund $2,679.24
After School Program $(899.47)

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 2027**

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Annual Budget Worksheet

| Budgeted Item | Raise or Increase | Previous 12 months 8/25-7/26 | 2026 Budget | 2027 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Payroll Itmes:** | | | | |
| Pastor Salary | 2.80% | | $ 56,375.00 | $ 56,783.00 |
| Pension/Health/Dental/SS | | | $ 51,088.00 | $ 56,506.00 |
| Pastor Phone Allowance | | $ 420.00 | $ 420.00 | $ 420.00 |
| Pastor Discretionary Exp. | | $ - | $ 200.00 | $ 200.00 |
| Mileage | | $ 1,536.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 |
| Pastor Cont. Education | | $ - | $ 1,000.00 | $ 1,000.00 |
| ~~Synod Assembly & Convo~~ | **MERGE** | ~~$ 611.00~~ | ~~$ 350.00~~ | ~~$ -~~ |
| Supply Pastor (4 weeks) | | $ 156.00 | $ 650.00 | $ 650.00 |
| Music Director Salary | 2.80% | | $ 9,738.00 | $ 10,000.00 |
| Supply Organist | | | $ 555.00 | $ 555.00 |
| Secretary | $15/hr | | $ 9,912.00 | $ 10,620.00 |
| Custodian | 2.80% | | $ 6,636.00 | $ 6,823.00 |
| After School Program Director | | | $ 13,600.00 | $ 13,600.00 |
| Payroll Taxes Church | | | $ 3,094.00 | $ 3,400.00 |
| **General Expenses:** | | | | |
| Office Supplies | | $ 1,821.00 | $ 2,700.00 | $ 2,200.00 |
| Postage | | $ 162.00 | $ 400.00 | $ 200.00 |
| Bank Charges | | $ - | $ 25.00 | $ 25.00 |
| Insurance/Fire/Work Comp | | $ 10,712.00 | $ 9,000.00 | $ 9,809.00 |
| Safe Deposit Box | | $ 25.00 | $ 25.00 | $ 25.00 |
| Church Phone / Internet | | $ 1,348.00 | $ 1,300.00 | $ 1,400.00 |
| Lutheran Ex Society Due | | $ 50.00 | $ 50.00 | $ 50.00 |
| Snynod Assembly & Convo. | MERGED | | | $ 1,000.00 |
| ~~Synod Assembly Lay~~ | **MERGE** | ~~$ 261.00~~ | ~~$ 650.00~~ | ~~$ -~~ |
| Fellowship | | $ 102.00 | $ 400.00 | $ 300.00 |
| Softball Team | | $ 760.00 | $ 600.00 | $ 760.00 |
| **Property Expenses:** | | | | |
| Cleaning Supplies | | $ 175.00 | $ 300.00 | $ 300.00 |
| Mowing/Snow Removal | | $ 173.00 | $ 150.00 | $ 200.00 |
| Garbage Collection | | $ 962.00 | $ 900.00 | $ 1,000.00 |
| Repairs to Church | | $ 2,310.00 | $ 1,500.00 | $ 2,000.00 |
| Repairs to Parsonage | | $ - | $ 1,500.00 | $ 1,500.00 |
| Church Utilities | | $ 15,010.00 | $ 16,000.00 | $ 16,000.00 |
| Parsonage Utilities | | $ 5,760.00 | $ 6,000.00 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Property Taxes | | $ 5,390.00 | $ 5,500.00 | $ 5,500.00 |
| Safety Inspections | | $ 740.00 | $ 550.00 | $ 750.00 |
| Storm Water Fee | | $ 431.00 | $ 432.00 | $ 432.00 |

| Budgeted Item | Raise or Increase | Previous 12 months 8/25-7/26 | 2026 Budget | 2027 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Christian Ed/Youth** | | | | |
| Sunday School Supplies | | $ 740.00 | $ 1,500.00 | $ 1,000.00 |
| Manna Night | | $ 780.00 | $ 700.00 | $ 800.00 |
| Youth | | $ 3,178.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 |
| Camperships | | $ - | $ 500.00 | $ - |
| ASP Supplies | | $ 667.00 | $ 1,500.00 | $ 1,500.00 |
| Music & Worship | | $ 736.00 | $ 1,000.00 | $ 1,000.00 |
| Instrument Maintenance | | $ 800.00 | $ 800.00 | $ 800.00 |
| Sundays & Seasons | | $ 549.00 | $ 550.00 | $ 550.00 |
| Devotionals | | $ 573.00 | $ 360.00 | $ 600.00 |
| Contribution Envelopes | | $ 580.00 | $ 660.00 | $ 600.00 |
| 2027 Synod Benevolence | | | $ 15,500.00 | |

$ 220,858.00 Total Expense

Total Budgeted Income (Previous 12 months)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Youth Income | | | | $ 2,840.96 |
| After School Income | | | | $ 25,228.51 |
| Manna Night Income | | | | $ 2,163.51 |
| VBS Income | | | | $ 26.00 |
| Softball Income | | | | $ 600.00 |
| Current Fund Income | | | | $ 188,330.04 |

$ 219,189.02 Total Income

($1,668.98) Difference



# Thoughts and Prayers

Malala Allen
Beverly Barkley
Cole Barkley
John, Summer, Timothy Barron & Family
Peter Barry
Debbie Beahm
Ricky Benson
Tom Broeren
Eilene Budisky
Kay Burr
Lisa Burr
Jane Carruth (*Colon Cancer - B.Barkley*)
Luke Clawson
Donna Daugherty
David English *(Lung Cancer)*
Diane Fair
Karen Ferrari
Michelle Follet & Family
Mary, Glenn, and David Fulghum
Lori Goodwin
Michael Grigorovich
Patti Grubbs
Joan Gumpp
Richard Hutchins *(Cancer)*
Annastyn Hogan
Stephanie Hogan
Ella Jason
Greg John
Val Kurth *(Breast Cancer)*




**PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND**

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

Gini Rinkus
Nancy Zattiero

Todd Manuel *(Blood Cancer)*
Diane Marburger
Joe Marburger
Patty Marburger
Jane Mashuda
Diamond McCracken
Berty McMillen
Cole Moretti *(Cancer)*
Carmen and Sandra Morra
Kerren Morra
Linda Nye
Mark Phillips
Emma Plank
Jason Plank
Erin Price
Bill Puryear *(Cancer)*
Lori Rasp
Rick Reifenstein
Tammi Rossi
Dominick Scarpino
Pastor Tony Schneck
Kay Marburger Terry
Julie W
Matthew Wible
Roland Wise
Pat Wolfe
Audray Muscatello Yost




**INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF**

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

The families of:
Charles Harbaugh, Marcella Miller
Arlene Cameron, Dick Marburger
& Randy Crump

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

October 15, 2026

**Present:** Staci Bettencourt, Pat Capella, Patti Flach, Casey Guerriero, Janice Hogan, Pastor Johns (Zoom), Ted Lindgren II, Linda Schmidt, Corey Walker (Zoom), Robin VanDyke (Zoom), Marge Wearing (Zoom)

**Absent:** Bev Critchlow, Robin Plank

**Devotions:** President Ted Lindgren called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M. Following this, the Pastor asked us to ponder the relationship between praying without ceasing and rejoicing in the Lord always. Discussion followed. Ted led the prayers that followed.

**Minutes:** The September meeting minutes were read. Minor changes were made reflecting that the Synod Benevolence fund is on track but not met. Staci motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Pat C. Motion carried.

**Reception of Visitors/Communications:** None

**Pastor's Report:** A detailed, written report was submitted addressing activities
Including his new role as a part of the Companion Engagement Team.

**Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary's Report:** The September 2026 report was reviewed & discussed.

**Financial:** A written report was submitted.

1. The Annual Budget Worksheet was distributed and reviewed. It reflects approximately a 3% increase. Linda seconded the committee's recommendation. Motion carried.
2. Capital Campaign (see discussion in Unfinished Business)
3. The Advent Offering is to be used for the Card Ministry. Casey seconded this recommendation, and the motion carried.

**Fellowship:** A written report was submitted. The spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit Matt & Nicole Otto's adoption process was quite successful raising over $7,000. A motion was made to give $200 to the Evans City Library from the turkey dinner and the remainder to Priority Projects. Jan seconded this motion and it carried.

**Learning Ministry/Youth:** No written report. With the exception of SPY, all activities have restarted.

**Property:** No meeting was held. The downstairs men's bathroom still has issues. Many volunteers have helped to address several issues.

**Worship and Music:** A written report was submitted. There are many special Sundays ahead including Reformation Sunday on October 25th. The Congregational Meeting will be held on November 8th following the church service. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29th.




**Other Official Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

*Homeschooling Building Use:* After the special council meeting, the finance committee also shared their opinion regarding these issues. However it is now a moot point as they have found another location.

*Bathroom Project:* Issues with the main toilet in the men's downstairs bathroom were addressed; however, there is a continuing problem with the urinals.

*Church Insurance:* The exploration of a new company has resulted in a change to Brotherhood Mutual. They previously had provided us with an estimate, as well as another from Church Mutual. Finance recommended this change. A second motion was made by Jan. The motion carried. For now, Pastor will stay with Portico for his health insurance and his retirement.

*Capital Campaign*: Ted attended the most recent Finance Meeting and shared his thoughts. An outline form of a proposal was reviewed with the committee and with Council this evening. No pledge would be required, but a Congregational Meeting would be held to explain this. This is an additional gift, not taking the place of the regular offering, A motion by the committee was to move forward on this campaign in January 2027. Staci moved to accept, and the motion carried.

**New Business/Miscellaneous:**

*Mission Spending Plan:* Budget was addressed earlier.

*Nominations:* Staci, Corey, Patti. and Linda's terms are ending. Patti is not eligible to run again, and the others declined a second term due to personal issues. We need four to six individuals for this proposal.

The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment and Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.
Staci moved to adjourn and it was seconded by Casey. Motion carried. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Flach, Council Secretary

# Sundays in November:

November 1 – All Saints Sunday
November 8 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15 – Thankoffering Service
November 22 – Christ the King Sunday
November 29 – First Sunday of Advent



# Volunteers & Calendar

| Date | 11/1/2026 | 11/8/2026 | 11/15/2026 | 11/22/2026 | 11/29/2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Acolytes** | Carter Johns | Luke Johns | Ethan Johns | Meera Lindgren | Rylee Taylor |
| **Altar Flowers** ($20/vase) | Marlene Domhoff | Amy & Walt Grigorovich | Becky Rengers & Christine Johns | Beverly Barkley & Amy Grigorovich | Eilene Budisky |
| **Altar Guild** | Lisa Burr | Lisa Burr | Lisa Burr | Lisa Burr | Lisa Burr |
| **Asst. Minister** | Ted Lingren II | Teresa O'Malley | Deb Mort | Ted Lindgren III | Larry Mort |
| **Bell Ringer** | Joe Ludwik | Ryan Bonicky | Austin Schmidt | Wes Schmidt | Davin Beahm |
| **Eternal Candle** ($15) | Rick & Becky Riddle | Rick & Becky Riddle | Rick & Becky Riddle | Rick & Becky Riddle | Rick & Becky Riddle |
| **Greeters** | Debbie & Jim Merrison | Pr. Beverly Banyay & Donna Daugherty | Becky Rengers & Cheryl Thomas | Marge & Ted Lindgren | Danielle & Brian Johns |
| **Lector** | Deb Mort | Melissa Bonicky | Staci Bettencourt | Vic Peffer | Patti Flach |
| **Nursery** | Pat Capella | Staci Bettencourt | Linda Schmidt | Danielle Johns | Emily Taylor |
| **Offering Counters** | Dan Guerriero & Janice Hogan | Dan Guerriero & Janice Hogan | Dan Guerriero & Janice Hogan | Dan Guerriero & Janice Hogan | Dan Guerriero & Janice Hogan |
| **Tech Support** | Adam Price | Heidi Beahm | Adam Price | Heidi Beahm | Adam Price |
| **Ushers** | Rob Burr & Adam Price | Cindy & Tom Ayres | Casey & Dan Guerriero | Danielle & Brian Johns | Joe Ludwik & Dean Zinkhann |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1<br>9am - Sunday School<br>10:15am - Worship<br>11:30am - Fellowship<br>12pm - Bell Choir | 2<br>4pm - After School<br>6:30pm - Fellowship<br>7pm - Boy Scouts | 3<br>9am - Pr. Cluster -Zelie.<br>4pm - After School<br>7pm - Property Mtg. | 4<br>10am - Community<br>4pm - After School<br>5:30pm - Manna Night<br>7pm - Cantata Practice<br>8pm - Choir Practice | 5<br>10am - Quilters Group<br>1pm - Mary's Circle<br>4pm - After School<br>7pm - Bible Study | 6<br>12pm - 500 Club & Lunch<br>4pm - After School<br>6pm - Bonfire and Games | 7<br>8am - AMEN to Action<br>9am - W/ELCA Cluster |
| 8<br>9am - Sunday School<br>10:15am - Worship<br>11:30am - Congregational<br>11:30am - Fellowship<br>11:45am - Pack Up Food<br>12pm - Bell Choir | 9<br>10am - Helen's Helpers<br>4pm - After School<br>7pm - Boy Scouts | 10<br>4pm - After School<br>7pm - Council Meeting | 11<br>10am - Community<br>12pm - Lunch Bunch<br>7pm - Cantata Practice<br>8pm - Choir Practice | 12<br>10am - Quilters Group<br>4pm - After School<br>7pm - Bible Study | 13<br>4pm - After School<br>6pm - Turkey Dinner Set- | 14<br>4pm - Turkey Dinner |
| 15<br>9am - Sunday School<br>10:15am - Worship<br>11:30am - Fellowship<br>12pm - Bell Choir | 16<br>4pm - After School<br>7pm - Boy Scouts | 17<br>4pm - After School | 18<br>9am - E.C. Ministerium<br>10am - Community<br>4pm - After School<br>5:30pm - Manna Night<br>7pm - Cantata Practice<br>8pm - Choir Practice | 19<br>10am - Quilters Group<br>4pm - After School<br>7pm - Bible Study | 20<br>4pm - After School | 21<br>5pm - SPY Dinner &<br>6:30pm - Game Night |
| 22<br>9am - Sunday School<br>10:15am - Worship<br>11:30am - Fellowship<br>12pm - Bell Choir | 23<br>4pm - After School<br>7pm - Boy Scouts | 24<br>4pm - After School<br>7pm - Dorcas Circle | 25<br>10am - Community | 26<br> | 27 | 28<br>Luther Hall Reserved -- |
| 29<br>9am - Sunday School<br>10:15am - Worship<br>11:30am - Advent<br>11:30am - Fellowship<br>12pm - Bell Choir | 30<br>6:30pm - Finance Meeting<br>7pm - Boy Scouts |  | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

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Christine Johns,
*Secretary*

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