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Church Council Meeting Highlights December 11, 2025

- Fifteen individuals decorated the church for Christmas on the evening of November 25th followed by a time of fellowship.
- The worship service and Sunday School were cancelled on Sunday, November 30th due to no heat. Jack Rich Inc. made the repairs to the furnace.
- A period of silent meditation as the candles are extinguished at the conclusion of the worship service was reinstated on Sunday, December 7th.
- The blanket, sweater, sweatshirt, and jacket collection will be blessed at the 7:30 pm Christmas Eve service.
- The purchase of a new Quickbooks program through TechSoup was approved.
- The first quarter 2026 Sunday School offerings will be designated to ELCA Good Gifts – health care for a child. Each \$10 collected will go towards the cost for a visit to the clinic.
- Mr. Robert Frankford's rental contract was extended to June 30, 2026.

Committee Chairs

Christian Education

Brenda Ferrebee

Discipleship

Nancy Reichelt

Fellowship

Beverly Morgan, CC
liaison; Donna Zerbe

Finance

Nancy Reichelt

Property

Vernon Stroupbauer, CC
liaison

Social Ministry

Lillie Morgan, CC liaison;
Donna Zerbe

Technology

Nancy Reichelt

Wellness

Mary Daubert, CC liaison

Worship and Music

Barbara Hikes

Youth Ministry

Jodi Derr

Endowment Fund

Alethea Wessner

Stew Zerbe Memorial

Scholarship Fund

Donna Zerbe

Cemetery Association

Kurt Wessner 570-345-8020

Council of Churches

Dale and Brenda Ferrebee,
CC liaisons

Church Council Members

2026

Mary Daubert
Gwen Moyer
Nancy Reichelt
Joshua Zimmerman

2027

Beverly Morgan*
Vernon Stroupbauer*
Brenda Ferrebee*
Jodi Derr

2028

Stephen Hikes
Barbara Hikes
Dale Ferrebee*
Lillie Morgan*

*Serving second consecutive term and cannot be reelected at the end of their term.

Officers

Stephen Hikes, President
Dale Ferrebee, Vice President
Jodi Derr, Secretary
Brenda Ferrebee, Treasurer
Lillie Morgan, Financial Secretary
Designated Pastor: Rev. Marie Meeks

Council members are elected for a term of three years, and no more than two consecutive terms.

Call Committee Members

Bryan Reichelt, Chair	Jocelyn Hikes
Stephanie Graham	Julie Koehler
Joshua Zimmerman	Kurt Wessner

January Worship Readings

Sunday, January 4

Second Sunday after Christmas; Holy Communion

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Psalms 147:12-20

Sunday, January 11

Baptism of Our Lord; First Sunday after Epiphany; Holy Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Psalms 29

Sunday, January 18

Second Sunday after Epiphany; Holy Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Psalms 40:1-11

Sunday, January 25

Third Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Psalms 27:1, 4-9



Sunday School Schedule

The Widow

January 4th

Creative Drama

Barbara Hikes and Sue Stroupbauer

January 11th

Art

Nan Hoenich and Janelle Gruber

January 18th

Bible Skills and Games

Nancy Reichelt and Sarah Reichelt

January 25th

Cooking

Brenda Ferree and Alex Ulsh

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday Schedule

Worship Service

9:00 am

Holy Communion

1st & 3rd

Sundays of the month

Sunday School

10:30 am

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class continues to meet in the TV room. The class is participating in a new Bible Study series from Augsburg Fortress titled *Together by Grace: Bible Conversations*

MATTHEW.

Ring in the New Year by sharing your favorite

"warm and cozy" meals in January!

Bless our Food Pantry with your favorite soup staples.

Kidney beans

Great Northern Beans

Lentils/Split Peas

Chili Sauce

Rice

Canned Vegetables

Canned Meats

"Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread; and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen."

— [Mother Teresa](#)

**St. Peter's Mission
Statement**

"We, the members of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, blessed by God's grace in Word and Sacrament, and desiring to fulfill God's call to minister and witness to the world, commit ourselves to a mission which includes:
Meaningful worship;
Enthusiastic Christian Education programming;
Active witnessing to our Christian faith; Dedicated service; and Responsible support of the programs and financial concerns of the church."

**January
Ministry Meetings**

January 7
Worship and Music
Committee
6:00 PM

January 8
Church Council
7:00 PM

January 20
Christian Education
Committee
6:00 PM

Sponsorships

Altar Flowers are available for January 18 and 25 – cost is \$30

Chancel Flowers are available for January 18 and 25 – cost is \$30

Sanctuary Candle is available for January – cost is \$35

Candle Oil is full for January – cost is \$15

Newsletter is full for January – cost is \$40

Bulletins are available for January 4, 11, 18, and 25 – cost is \$15

Call the church office for availability or sign the charts in the downstairs hallway.



The January Newsletter is given to the Glory of God IMO my mom and dad's wedding anniversary by Linda Venzl.

Church Finances – End of November 2025

November 2025 General Fund Contributions: \$13,591.00

November 2025 General Expenses paid: **\$ 8,020.00***

*Currently we are not paying compensation for a minister. The estimated compensation would be \$10,574.00 per month.

November 2025 Account balances:

- Checking \$48,323.74
- Savings \$38,616.64**

**\$5,080 is restricted use towards the Needy Fund and the Stew Zerbe Memorial Scholarship Fund.

- Memorial \$17,919.50
- Capital Improvement*** \$ 5,389.03

***\$7,051 is restricted use towards Video/Audio, Prepaid Fuel, Fellowship and Parsonage Improvements.

- Youth Ministry \$ 7,435.40

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

(General Fund) \$200 IMO Chester and Gladys Luckenbill by Stephen and Barbara Hikes; IMO Linda Zimmerman: \$25 by David and Jean Herring, \$50 by Pastor Bob and Nan Hoenich, \$30 by Donna Zerbe; IMO Arthur "Skip" Long: \$30 by Donna Zerbe, \$25 by BA Grot, \$25 by Stephen and Barbara Hikes; \$50 IMO Ellen Miller by Pastor Bob and Nan Hoenich; \$100 IMO the wedding anniversary of Don and Barb Schwartz on December 12th
(Memorial Fund) \$50 IMO what would have been our 50th wedding anniversary on December 6th by June Reed
(Food Pantry) \$100 IMO Lee Wessner by Daryl, Alethea, Sophia, and Calista Wessner

Publishing Deadlines

If you want to publish something in the Sunday bulletin or the monthly newsletter, please submit your information by the following deadlines:
The bulletin deadline is Wednesday at 2:00 pm.
The February 2026 newsletter deadline is January 14th.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are hospitalized, recuperating, ill, or in any need, especially:

Alice Hunkapiller	Bruce Witmer	Eric Umbenhauer
Paul Lengel	Janet Jones	Barbara Schwartz
Ruth McMullen	Stacey Harris	Waylon Hartman
Tom Wertz	Shirley Lengel	Jen Gerhardt
Taylor Wessner	Dale Legarht	Elizabeth Platko
Bill Siegel	Christopher Beeman	Shannon Shadle
Beverly Morgan	Sue Stump	Brian Kustan
Kerry Nagle	Lynn Sabadish	Kelsey Cleary
Bonnie Kintzel	Dana Stroupbauer	Bill Schaeffer
Anna Wertz	Joyce Frantz	Kerry Nagle
Bessie Keefer	Ray Stump	Tina Keefer
McKenna Morgan Cooper	Nancy Ditzler	Janet Fidler

If you have prayer requests or info for the Sunday bulletin prayer listing, please contact the church office or Nan Hoenich at 570-345-8706.

Church Office Hours

Monday & Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (in office)
Tuesday & Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (remote)

Please leave a message on the office answering machine (570-345-3306) on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We Remember These Saints

- ✠ Arthur "Skip" Long, who passed away on December 2nd
- ✠ Lori Fehr Moyer, who passed way on December 3rd
- ✠ Cindy Seiger, who passed away on December 8th
- ✠ Janet Fisher, who passed away on December 14th (wife of Pastor Fred Fisher)
- ✠ Matthew John Manning, who passed away on December 13th



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

(General Fund) \$100 IMO loved ones by Carol Baldwin; \$100 IMO Sam Baldwin, Jr., by wife Carol Baldwin; \$500 IMO Thelma Hubler by Allen E. Hubler; \$300 IMO Edwin Stolarick, Ruth Stolarick, and Ken Stolarick by Cathy Stolarick; \$100 IMO Ken Stolarick by Sandy Stolarick; \$500 IMO Roxanne Umbenhauer by the Umbenhauer Family; \$100 IMO my husband, Leroy Strubhar, Sr., by wife Betty Strubhar; \$150 IMO our parents Kenneth and Grace Kreiser and Leroy Strubhar, Sr., by Kevin and Patti Kreiser; \$200 IMO Stew Zerbe by Donna Zerbe; \$200 IMO Gloria Harris by Donna Zerbe; \$200 IMO William Harris by Donna Zerbe; \$100 IMO our parents by David and Jean Herring; \$100 IMO loved ones by Kenny and Betty Bressler; \$100 IMO William and Gloria Harris by George and Kathy Sorokach

(Food Pantry) \$500 IHO the birth of Jesus by Linda Venszl and Vince Kulbitsky; \$500 IMO loved ones by Linda Venszl and Vince Kulbitsky; \$150 IMO Leo, Jean, and Neil Beck by Marty and Valerie Beck

(Pre-Buy Oil Fund) \$100 IMO Lew and Millie Manbeck and Ed and Ruth Stolarick by Sandy Stolarick

(Stew Zerbe Memorial Scholarship Fund) \$50 IHO my grandchildren James and Isabel Stormont and George Stolarick by Sandy Stolarick

(Memorial Fund) \$50 IMO my son Dean Wertz by Anna Wertz; \$50 IMO my husband Richard Wertz by wife Anna Wertz

Committee Reports

Please submit committee reports for the 2025 Annual Report to the parish secretary via email **no later than Monday, January 12th.**

Offering Envelopes

The 2026 offering envelopes are available in the fellowship hall. Please see our financial secretary Lillie Morgan if you would like to receive envelopes but don't see them with the boxes in the fellowship hall.

The **2025 Giving Statements** will be available in the fellowship hall beginning Sunday, January 11th.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25, 2026** immediately following the worship service. Both the worship service and the meeting will take place in the fellowship hall. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1st.



QR CODE FOR ONLINE GIVING

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery Association has lots available

If interested, please contact Kurt Wessner at (570) 345-8020

Members of St. Peter's

4 grave lot \$800

2 grave lot \$600

1 grave lot \$400

Non Members of St. Peter's

4 grave lot \$1000

2 grave lot \$800

1 grave lot \$600

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Advent wreaths were made during the November 16th Sunday School hour.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY

Jesus's Birthday Party was celebrated on December 21st during the Sunday School hour.



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 2026

				1 Office Closed HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Music Lessons
4 9:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion; Second Sunday of Christmas; Needy Fund Collection Pastor Mindy Heppe 10:30 am Sunday School; Catechetical Class	5 4:15 – 6:15 pm Music Lessons	6 4:15 – 5:45 pm Music Lessons Senior Citizens	7 6:00 pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 8:00 – 8:45 pm Music Lessons	8 4:15-9:00 pm Music Lessons 7:00 Church Council Meeting	9	10 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Music Lessons
11 9:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion; Baptism of Our Lord; First Sunday after Epiphany Pastor Bob Hoenich 10:30 am Sunday School; Catechetical Class	12 4:15 – 6:15 pm Music Lessons	13 4:15 – 5:45 pm Music Lessons	14 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 8:00 – 8:45 pm Music Lessons NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	15 4:15 – 9:00 pm Music Lessons	16	17 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Music Lessons
18 9:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion; Second Sunday after Epiphany Pastor Linda Bonfiglio 10:30 am Sunday School; Catechetical Class	19 4:15 – 6:15 pm Music Lessons	20 4:15 – 5:45 pm Music Lessons 6:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting Senior Citizens	21 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 8:00 – 8:45 pm Music Lessons	22 4:15 – 9:00 pm Music Lessons	23	24 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Music Lessons
25 9:00 am Worship Service; Third Sunday after Epiphany; Video Sermon Annual Congregational Meeting 10:00 am Coffee Social 10:30 am Sunday School; Catechetical Class	26 4:15 – 6:15 pm Music Lessons	27 4:15 – 5:45 pm Music Lessons	28 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 8:00 – 8:45 pm Music Lessons	29 4:15 – 9:00 pm Music Lessons	30	31 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Music Lessons

