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Church Council Meeting Highlights April 10, 2025

- Christian Education Sunday will be observed on August 24th.
- Maxx Wessner and Kellie Geary were approved for confirmation on Sunday, May 18th.
- Beginning June 22nd, the congregation will be transitioning to the Service of Word and Prayer in *With One Voice (WOV)* for the summer months.
- The cemetery was cleaned up for Easter by the cemetery committee.
- The automated external defibrillators (AEDs) were inspected and brought up to date as needed.
- Vinyl address numbering will be placed on the front doors.
- The short/long-term planning committee will meet Tuesday, July 8th at 6:30 p.m. Any persons wishing to be part of the committee should contact Stephen Hikes.
- The Grief Ministry Team will meet Tuesday, May 13th beginning at 6:00 p.m. for training on the beginning stages of grief. Any persons wishing to have more information on this ministry should contact Nancy Reichelt.
- A floor plan of the downstairs of the church identifying the AED and fire extinguisher locations has been developed.

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

Beverly Morgan

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

May Worship Readings

Sunday, May 4

Third Sunday of Easter; Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6[7-20]
Second: Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19
Psalm: 30

Sunday, May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43
Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel: John 10:22-30
Psalm: 23

Sunday, May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter; Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts:11:1-18
Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel: John 13:31-35
Psalm: 148

Sunday, May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15
Second Reading: Revelation 21:10,
22 – 22:5
Gospel: John 14:23-29
Psalm: 67



Sunday School Schedule

Holy Week and Easter

May 4
Cooking
Brenda Ferree and Alex Ulsh

May 11
Science
Gwen Moyer and Alethea Wessner

May 18
Bible Skills and Games
Nancy Reichelt and Sarah Reichelt

A Storm

May 25
Art
Nan Hoenich and Janelle Gruber

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class, led by Nan Hoenich, will continue during the Sunday School hour. We are currently studying the I am verses in the Gospel of John, having started with I am the bread of life.

First Holy Communion

Class
May 3
10:00 am



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

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.

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."

Sponsorships

Altar Flowers are available for May 4, 11, and 25 – cost is \$30

Chancel Flowers are available for May 4, 11, 18, and 25 – cost is \$30

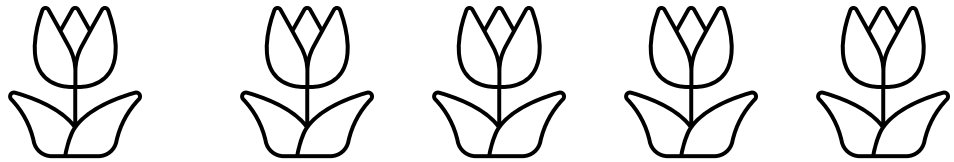
Sanctuary Candle is full for May – cost is \$35

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

Newsletter is full for May–cost is \$40

Bulletins are available for May 18 and 25 – cost is \$15

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



The May newsletter is given to the Glory of God IHO our grandchildren by David and Jean Herring.

May Ministry Meetings

May 1st
Worship and Music Committee
6:30 PM

May 1st
Finance Committee
8:00 PM

Church Finances – End of March 2025

March 2025 General Funds Contributions:	\$13,607.00
March 2025 General Expenses Paid:	\$ 7,371.06
March 2025 Account Balances	
Checking:	\$15,975.61
Savings:	\$29,432.89
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$17,424.03
Memorial Fund:	\$15,454.09
Youth Ministry Fund:	\$ 8,751.66

MEMORIALS

(General Fund) \$100 IMO Sam Baldwin at Easter by Carol Baldwin; \$50 IMO loved ones at Easter by Carol Baldwin; \$750 IMO my parents and loved ones by Howard Lengel and family; \$500 IMO my wife Catherine Lengel by Howard Lengel and family; \$100 IHO my wife by Howard Lengel and family; \$400 IHO my children and grandchildren by Howard Lengel and family; \$50 IMO Ken Stolarick by Sandra Stolarick; \$100 IMO loved ones by Dennis and Gail Adams; \$100 IMO Donald Schwartz by Barbara Schwartz and family; \$100 IMO Leroy Strubhar for Easter by Betty Strubhar; \$20 IMO Pat Gilbert and Robert Kroh by David and Tiffany Gilbert and family
(Pre-Buy Oil Fund) \$100 IMO Patricia Gilbert on her birthday by Charles Gilbert; \$100 IMO loved ones by Kenneth and Betty Bressler; \$250 IMO loved ones by Linda Venzl

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 June 2025 newsletter deadline is Wednesday, May 7th.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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| Alice Hunkapiller | Bruce Witmer | Eric Umbenhauer |
| Paul Lengel | Janet Jones | Barbara Schwartz |
| Ruth McMullen | Stacey Harris | Waylon Hartman |
| Tom Wertz | Shirley Lengel | Jen Peters |
| Janet Fisher | Dale Legarht | Elizabeth Platko |
| Bill Siegel | Christopher Beeman | Dean Wertz |
| Virginia Witherow | Beverly Morgan | Sue Stump |
| Lori Fehr Moyer | Georgene Krammes | Lynn Sabadish |
| Bonnie Kintzel | Dana Strouphauer | Elaine Benko |
| Anna Wertz | Joyce Frantz | Lee Wessner |
| Patrick Williams | Bessie Keefer | JJ Vazquez |

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.



Grief Share will continue its sessions on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and will last for 14 weeks. Please contact Nancy Reichelt for more information.

Grief Ministry

During a vacancy a pastor is not available to care for our congregation. Church Council would like to initiate a **Grief Ministry Team** into our congregation. We realize this is not for everyone. If anyone is interested in serving our congregation in this way, please contact Nancy Reichelt or Steve Hikes. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00 pm.

We Remember This Saint

✠ Rich Nickel who passed away on March 24th

Food Pantry

For the month of May, we will be collecting cereal and other breakfast items to refresh the food pantry. Please place your donations on the designated table in the fellowship hall.

Attention High School Seniors

Please contact the church office to obtain your Stew Zerbe Scholarship application. **Completed applications are due in the office by Monday, May 5th.**

Thank You Note

Thank you to the congregation for their generous gifts toward the Easter Food Basket distribution. The total number of families served was 28+ and the amount collected was \$1,375.00.

Pastor Bob Hoenich

Thank You Note

Thank you to our church family at St. Peter's for all the cards, donations, food, and kind words of comfort. We really appreciate all of your support in the loss of our son.

Yours Sincerely,
Phillip and Terri Cleary and family

Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** occurred on Saturday, April 12th on a cold, windy day with some raindrops.

Our hearts were warmed by our time together with 21 children in attendance, as well as five teenagers and three adults (representing Church Council, Christian Education, and Youth Ministry committee members) and, of course, parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.

Thank you for the support of our congregation as we shared the Easter story, sang songs of the faith, shared time with our "quiet" Easter bunny (costume worn by one of our soon-to-be confirmands), searched for plastic eggs and candy and had a wonderful time in fellowship around food in celebration of our faith as a community of believers.

We have started the **World Hunger Food Table** again. A limited number of transplants will be available. We can have a conversation about their benefit in God's beautiful creation.

We encourage bakers to share their "goodie" by bringing them and placing them on the table before worship. Likewise, gardeners, we ask you to share your vegetables or fruit "treats." All monetary gifts placed in the basket will go into the Needy Fund and will be used to purchase food items for the food pantry housed in the former parsonage.

Any help to be present at the table before or after worship would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Pastor Bob Hoenich about this opportunity. Thank you.

Over two pastors and three years, two young people will confirm their faith during worship on Sunday, May 18th.

Maxx Wessner

Kellie Geary

Years ago these confirmands were taken to the font where they were welcomed into the family of God. They will affirm what their mothers and fathers did for them as they created additional family, the family of God. Congratulations to everyone.

If you would like to order **geraniums** for the Day of Pentecost, June 8th, please complete and return the enclosed order form with payment to the church office no later than **Sunday, May 18th**.

A Memorial Day Remembrance Program will be held on Sunday, May 25th at 10:30 am on the cemetery across the street from the church. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be held in the fellowship hall.

The Pine Grove Area Weekday Church School is having a **sub sale** for the month of **May**. Tickets are \$8.00 and can be purchased through Dale or Brenda Ferree. The Pine Grove Area Council of Churches would like to thank you for your continuous support of this special program provided to students in the Pine Grove Elementary School.

The Pine Grove Area Council of Churches will have their annual **banquet** on Saturday, May 10th at 6:00 pm at the Outwood Church Pavillion. The cost of tickets is \$20.00 per person and may be purchased through Dale or Brenda Ferree. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 3rd.

APRIL 12TH EASTER EGG HUNT



PALM PROCESSION ON PALM SUNDAY



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 2025

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				4:15 – 6:45 pm Music Lessons 6:30 pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting 8:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting		9:30 am-12:00 pm Music Lessons 10:00 am First Holy Communion Class
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion; Third Sunday of Easter: First Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	4:30 – 8:30 pm Music Lessons	4:15 – 5:30 pm Music Lessons 6:00 pm Pine Grove Lutheran Churches meeting with Assistant to the Bishop and Interim Schuylkill Mission District Dean	10:00 am Grief Share 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	4:15 – 6:45 pm Music Lessons 7:00 Church Council Meeting		9:30 am – 12:00 pm Music Lessons
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 am Worship Service; Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:30 am Sunday School MOTHER'S DAY	4:30 – 8:30 pm Music Lessons	4:15 – 5:30 pm Music Lessons Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Grief Ministry Team Meeting Senior Citizens	10:00 am Grief Share 7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal	4:15 – 6:45 pm Music Lessons		9:30 am – 12:00 pm Music Lessons
18	19	20	21	22	26	24
9:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion; Fifth Sunday of Easter; Confirmation	4:30 – 8:30 pm Music Lessons	4:15-5:30 pm Music Lessons	10:00 am Grief Share 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal	4:15 – 6:45 pm Music Lessons		9:30 am – 12:00 pm Music Lessons 10:00 am First Holy Communion Class
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:00 am Worship Service; Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Coffee Social 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Memorial Day Remembrance Program on the cemetery across from St. Peter's	4:30 – 8:30 pm Music Lessons	4:15 – 5:30 pm Music Lessons Senior Citizens	10:00 am Grief Share 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal	4:15 – 6:45 pm Music Lessons	Synod Assembly	Synod Assembly 9:30 am – 12:00 pm Music Lessons 11:00 am – 5:00 pm Hall Rental

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