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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen. I am so excited to have begun our ministry together. I hope we take the summer to get to know each other. As I mentioned last month, I would love for some of you to stop by and see me and let's get to know each other. I also would like to know what you think we are doing well as a church; also what you think we are not doing so well. I am listing below a list of dates and times that I will be at St. Peter's, and I invite you to come see me:

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM to Noon  
 Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
 Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
 Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
 Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
 Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
 Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Looking forward down the road:

- July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup> St. Peter's will hold its Vacation Bible School. Please help us publicize this and let's have a great turnout.
- Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> we will have worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall as we invite our children from VBS to join us in Worship and share some of their songs
- Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> we will have an Outside Worship and Picnic at the North End Fire Company Pavilion. Please note that Worship will begin at 10:00 AM, not our normal 9:00 AM start. Also, there will be no Sunday School that day.
- Sometime in September I will be beginning an evening Bible Study, more than likely on Tuesday evenings at O'Neals Pub in Pine Grove. I am thinking starting time probably around 6:30 PM.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Mike

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 Meeting Highlights**  
**May 7, 2026**

- Christian Education Sunday will be observed during both the morning worship service and Sunday School on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Eight students will receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 31st.
- The annual cleanup of the cemeteries was done in preparation for Mother's Day and the Memorial Day holiday.
- The purchase of labor law posters to meet workplace posting requirements was approved.
- There were 12 lay eucharistic visits during the month of April.

Church Council Members

<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>
Beverly Morgan*	Stephen Hikes	Mary Daubert*
Vernon Stroupbauer*	Barbara Hikes	Andrew Hikes
Brenda Ferrebee*	Dale Ferrebee*	Nancy Reichelt*
Jodi Derr	Lillie Morgan*	Joshua Zimmerman*

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

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

Officers

Stephen Hikes, President  
Dale Ferrebee, Vice President  
Jodi Derr, Secretary  
Brenda Ferrebee, Treasurer  
Lillie Morgan, Financial Secretary  
Pastor: Rev. Michael Reist

## June Worship Readings

### **Sunday, June 7**

#### **Second Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion**

First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25  
Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26  
Psalm 50:7-15

### **Sunday, June 14**

#### **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a  
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8  
Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8 [10:9-23]  
Psalm 100

### **Sunday, June 21**

#### **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion**

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11  
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39  
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

### **Sunday, June 28**

#### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23  
Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18



## *Sunday School Schedule*

### Four Friends

June 7<sup>th</sup>

Bible Skills and Games  
Nancy Reichelt and Sarah Reichelt

June 14<sup>th</sup>

Cooking  
Brenda Ferrebee and Alex Ulsh

June 21<sup>st</sup>

Science  
Gwen Moyer and Alethea Wessner

June 28<sup>th</sup>

Video  
Jodi Derr and Jessica Geary

## **St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

### Sunday Schedule

**Worship Service**  
9:00 am

**Holy Communion**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sundays of the month

**Sunday School**  
10:30 am

### **Adult Sunday School**

The Adult Sunday School class will be on hiatus beginning July 5<sup>th</sup> and will resume on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Baptism*  
*April 26<sup>th</sup>*



*Thomas Finnegan Gassert, son of Daniel and Brandi Gassert*

*Baptism*  
*May 10<sup>th</sup>*



*Addison Jean Nuske, daughter of Douglas and Sara Nuske*

*Congratulations to David and Jennifer (Boger) Frankenstein on their marriage here at St. Peter's on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*



**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 June 7, 21, and 28 – cost is \$30

**Chancel Flowers** are available for June 7, 14, 21, and 28 – cost is \$30

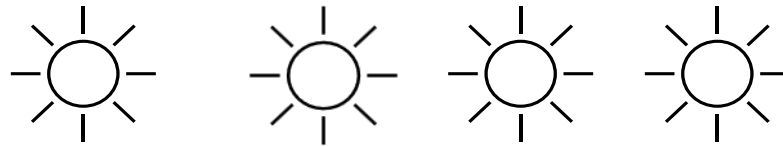
**Sanctuary Candle** is available for June – cost is \$35

**Candle Oil** is available for June – cost is \$15

**Newsletter** is available for June – cost is \$40

**Bulletins** are available for June 7, 14, and 28 – cost is \$15

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



**Church Finances as of April 30, 2026**

April 2026 General Fund Contributions	\$17,821.00
April 2026 Restricted Fund Contributions	\$ 3,673.00
Balance for General Expenses	\$14,148.00
April 2026 General Fund Expenses	(\$11,103.95)
 Balance	 \$ 3,044.05

The expense figure does not include the pastor's salary.

April account balances	
General Checking	\$74,995.92
General Savings	\$54,772.86
Subtotal	\$129,768.78
Restricted Savings	(\$ 14,408.19)
Total	\$115,360.59

Memorial Fund Checking \$19,287.21

Capital Improvement Checking \$10,374.03  
Restricted Funds \$ 2,161.00  
Balance in account \$12,535.03

Youth Ministry Fund \$ 8,384.29

**June Ministry Meetings**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Discipleship Committee Meeting  
5:00 PM

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Church Council  
7:00 PM

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
VBS Meeting  
to make decorations  
4:00 – 7:00 PM

**MEMORIALS AND GIFTS**

**(General Fund)** \$200 IMO Gloria Harris for Mother's Day by Donna Zerbe; \$100 IMO Gladys Luckenbill for Mother's Day by Stephen and Barbara Hikes; \$25 IMO Geraldine Schneck by Linda Venzsl; IMO Randy Kreiser: \$50 by Pastor Bob and Nan Hoenich, \$100 by Kevin and Patti Kreiser, \$25 by Donna Zerbe, \$25 by Janet Fidler, \$25 by Linda Kozin; \$25 IMO John Venzsl by Donna Zerbe; \$100 IMO Gloria Harris by Donna Zerbe; \$50 IMO Anna Guers for Mother's Day by Carol Baldwin; \$50 IMO Jean Baldwin for Mother's Day by Carol Baldwin; \$20 IMO my dad Rich Wertz and my brother Dean Wertz for their birthdays by Missy Witherow

**(Memorial Fund)** \$25 IMO Thelma Adams for Mother's Day by John and Jeanette Frantz

**(Pre-Buy Oil Fund)** \$100 IMO Sybilla Gilbert for Mother's Day by Charles Gilbert

**(Youth Ministry)** \$25 IHO Addison Nuske's baptism by grandparents Jeff and Carolyn Nuske

**(Sunday School)** \$40 IHO Addison Nuske's baptism by parents Douglas and Sara and sister Amelia Nuske

**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 July 2026 newsletter deadline is Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

**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.

*REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*

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

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Brian Bender</b>              | <b>Bruce Witmer</b>       | <b>Eric Umbenhauer</b>   |
| <b>Paul Lengel</b>               | <b>Janet Jones</b>        | <b>Barbara Schwartz</b>  |
| <b>Ruth McMullen</b>             | <b>Stacey Harris</b>      | <b>Waylon Hartman</b>    |
| <b>Tom Wertz</b>                 | <b>Shirley Lengel</b>     | <b>Jen Gerhardt</b>      |
| <b>Taylor Wessner</b>            | <b>Dennis Eckler</b>      | <b>Darlene Eckler</b>    |
| <b>Bill Siegel</b>               | <b>Christopher Beeman</b> | <b>Shannon Shadle</b>    |
| <b>Beverly Morgan</b>            | <b>Sue Stump</b>          | <b>Brian Kustan</b>      |
| <b>Kerry Nagle</b>               | <b>Lynn Sabadish</b>      | <b>Danette Wolfe</b>     |
| <b>Bonnie Kintzel</b>            | <b>Dana Stroupauer</b>    | <b>Bill Schaeffer</b>    |
| <b>Anna Wertz</b>                | <b>Joyce Frantz</b>       | <b>Kerry Nagle</b>       |
| <b>Bessie Keefer</b>             | <b>Ray Stump</b>          | <b>Tina Keefer</b>       |
| <b>McKenna Morgan Cooper</b>     | <b>Nancy Ditzler</b>      | <b>Janet Fidler</b>      |
| <b>Hayden Stroupauer</b>         | <b>Hailey Stroupauer</b>  | <b>Barbara Sholl</b>     |
| <b>Doris Morgan</b>              | <b>Howard Lengel</b>      | <b>Drew Hikes</b>        |
| <b>Charles "Hack" Umbenhauer</b> | <b>James Brommer</b>      | <b>Katherine Brommer</b> |
| <b>Mark Wolfe</b>                |                           |                          |

**We Remember These Saints**

- ✠ Randall Kreiser, who passed away on May 1<sup>st</sup>
- ✠ Elaine Long, who passed away on May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ✠ John Venzsl, who passed away on May 13<sup>th</sup>

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.

**June food pantry items include:**

- \*Canned Meats
- \*Crackers
- \*Popcorn
- \*Tortillas
- \*Applesauce
- \*Nuts



Matthew 25 :35-40 "... For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of the brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



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**Secretary Note**

I will be out of the office from **June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 13<sup>th</sup>**. I will be back in the office on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Any information that needs to be put in the bulletin for **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** should be submitted by **Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon.**

*Christ in Our Home* daily devotional booklets are currently available for the months of July, August, and September 2026. You can pick up your free copy in the TV room, the fellowship hall, the elevator lobby and the downstairs hallway display rack.

**Database Update**

If you have recently moved, changed your telephone number, or have an email address that you would like to share, please let our secretary know so our database can be continually updated. Thank you.

***Potluck and Movie Night***

Saturday, June 27  
Potluck at 5:00 PM; Movie at 6:00 PM  
Movie TBD

Please join us on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM for an Outdoor Worship Service followed by a Church Picnic at the North End Fire Company Pavilion



## 2026 Vacation Bible School (VBS)

We are planning a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for this summer with an open invitation to the community. It will be held July 12 – 16 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM here at St. Peter's. The theme is *Rainforest Falls*.

We are looking for teachers and volunteers. Please speak to any member of the Christian Education committee or call the church and we will reach out to you.

There are three different ways to register:

Registration will begin at 5:30 PM on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

[myvbs.org/st-peter-s-evangelical-lutheran-church-vbs-2026](http://myvbs.org/st-peter-s-evangelical-lutheran-church-vbs-2026)

Free VBS Registration Software | Vacation  
Bible School Management  
[myvbs.org](http://myvbs.org)



## Confirmation

Hunter Glen Stroupbauer, Calista Kenzie Wessner, and Joshua Bryce Witherow were confirmed by Pastor Michael Reist and Pastor Bob Hoenich on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.



Front row: Hunter Stroupbauer, Calista Wesser, Joshua Witherow, Pastor Michael Reist  
Back row: Pastor Bob Hoenich and Stephen Hikes, Church Council President

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**June 2026**

	1 4:15 - 7:00 pm Music Lessons Pastor Mike on Vacation	2 4:15 - 5:00 pm Music Lessons Pastor Mike on Vacation	3 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal Pastor Mike on Vacation	4 4:15-9:15 pm Music Lessons Pastor Mike on Vacation NEPA Synod Assembly	5 4 :15 - 4:45 pm Music Lessons 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Pastor Office Visits NEPA Synod Assembly	6 8:00 am - 12:15 pm Music Lessons _NEPA Synod Assembly
7 9:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion; Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Sunday School	8 8:00 am - 9:30 pm Music Lessons	9 5:00 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	10 4:00 - 7:00 pm VBS Meeting to make decorations 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	11	12	13
14 9:00 am Worship Service; Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Sunday School	15 8:00 am - 9:30 pm Music Lessons 2:00 - 4:00 pm Pastor Office Visits	16 2:00 - 4:00 pm Pastor Office Visits	17 6:00 pm Lutheran Cluster of Churches Meeting at Jacob's 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20
21 9:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion; Fourth Sunday after Pentecost <u>10:30 am Sunday School</u>	22 8:00 am - 9:30 pm <u>Music Lessons</u>	23 6:00 - 8:00 pm <u>Pastor Office Visits</u>	24 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 5:00 Potluck 6:00 Movie TBD
28 9:00 am Worship Service; Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Coffee Social 10:30 am Sunday School	29 3:00 - 5:00 pm Pastor Office Visits	30				