

**St. Peter Evangelical
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TRANSITION INTO NOVEMBER
November, 2024

FALL BACK 1 HOUR ON NOVEMBER 3RD.

November is an interesting month. We begin with All Saints Sunday on November 3rd. This is the day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead and remember especially those who joined the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints Day. The month ends with Christ the King Sunday on November 24th and we will celebrate with Holy Communion Thanksgiving Eve – November 27th at 7:00pm. [Note: No Family Faith Fest or Catechism on Nov 27th.] We give thanks for our relationship with Jesus and his love and we work for a peaceable life for all.

On Wednesday, November 6th, our friends from St Paul Defiance will join us at 6:15pm for hygiene box packing, Christmas ornament making Christmas Card writing, friendship renewing, and fun. All LYO members are invited.

Thank you everyone who participated in the **Polka worship service** [especially the band from Hamler Fest] on Sunday, Oct 13th. It was a joyous occasion, and it was fun to be together.

St Peter's Mission Statement: Making Jesus known through God's abundant generosity. I'm including our mission statement because we previously advertised Mission Fest on November 10th. Unfortunately, we don't have a speaker, and I have been back-and-forth about cancelling. But after the recent German meal, all the great conversations and opportunities for connection – I'm torn. So, I sent out a text asking for guidance. I think there is still interest in hosting a soup and pie kind of event after worship. But we need help to do this.

All this back and forth reminded me of the fable of Stone Soup. If you've never heard of it – I have a video to show on Sunday, November 10th to explain. In a nutshell, Stone Soup is a European folk story in which hungry strangers convince the people of a town to each share a small amount of their food in order to make a meal. So our Mission Fest this year will be Stone Soup --- everyone brings a little and we all have enough...because God is generous and there's always an abundance. Free will offering will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief-hurricane for the ongoing efforts in the southeast.

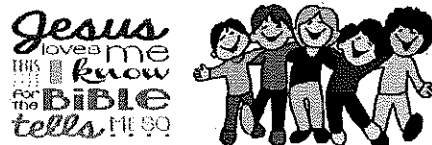
No programs on Wednesday November 27th. Instead, we will worship together that day - Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00pm.

When we join together on Sunday, December 1st we begin our new church year in the gospel of Luke, the 1st Sunday in Advent and for the kiddos – Christmas Program Practice on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. More about our Advent journey in the December newsletter.

Words for our journey together: Holy God, we give thanks for your almighty power when you reach out to us in mercy. We ask for peace throughout the world. Grant us the fulness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Mindy

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**Faith and Family classes
at 6:15 PM**

Sunday School at 9:00 AM

Youth and LYO Events

Sundays, November 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th – LYO Sunday School

Wednesday, November 6th St. Paul, Defiance comes to St. Peter for Hygiene Pantry packing and Christmas Craft making and Christmas Card writing.

Sunday, November 11th – St. Peter Mission Fest soup and pie. Serving

Wednesday, November 27th – No Family Faith Fest or Catechism. Thanksgiving Eve service that night at 7:00PM

Beginning in December, Christmas Program Practice begins for everyone in the 7th grade and younger on Sunday morning at 9AM and Wednesday evening. We will still have a light supper on Wednesday at 6:15PM

LYO Sunday School and Wednesday Evening discussion will be held during December at the usual times.

Congratulations!!

Calvin Michael Junge was confirmed on Sunday, Oct 27th. His sponsors were Paul Rentz and Todd Junge



Join us for coffee, conversation, and lunch every Wednesday from 10:00am until about 11:30. Everyone is welcome.

The annual membership drive of the Women's Guild of the Filling Homes is now underway.

Membership is open to any person interested in supporting the ministry of Filling Homes. Dues are \$1.00 minimum (or more - free will donation). Please give your donation to Donna Eggers by November 17, 2024.

BLANKET PROJECT

BLANKET PROJECT WILL BEGIN Tuesday November 5th from 10 till noon.

NOTE: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO SEW. There are plenty of other things to do to help with project. You can even take things home to work on if you can not attend on that day and bring back for us to put together. Hope to see more helpers this year.

Recycling

The company the church has used for recycling was sold and the new company is NO longer recycling paper, cardboard, etc.

****We will still be collecting Aluminum cans****

Live Video Schedule

November 3rd -Connor

November 10th – Garrett

November 17th – Sharon/Sam

November 24th – Donna

Cleaning Teams

November 3rd – Team 2

November 10th – Team 3

November 17th – Team 3

November 24th – Team 4

December 1st – Team 4





OUTREACH: Hygiene Pantry Update

Hygiene Pantry distribution in November is on Monday, November 25th from 4:30-5:45PM. If you would like to donate monetarily, please mark the envelope Hygiene pantry. We also need help packing, shopping and distribution. Packing and shopping can be done at your convenience.

Thrivent is a Fraternal Benefit Society which means they are non-profit and tax-exempt from paying income taxes. However, the IRS requires them to annually disburse the amount they would have owed for taxes to charitable organizations. So, Thrivent sets those funds into a charitable account and created the Action Teams and Choice Dollar programs. *No funds are pulled from the client's investments to fund these programs.* These programs are designed to have investment clients designate a portion of the charitable account to organizations of their choice. Any funds not disbursed by the clients will be disbursed by Thrivent.

These are two great programs for churches and schools to get funds to help serve the charitable organization in their area.

Actions Teams is where a client submits a project to Thrivent online and can get up to \$250.00 per project two times each calendar year. Once the project is approved, Thrivent sends you the funds in a Visa credit card and the funds must be used for the project. After the project event date, the client needs to go online and report on the project to close it out. Receipts need to be kept for one year after the project is closed.

Choice Dollars are calculated quarterly by Thrivent per each client's investment level and put in the clients Choice Dollars' account. The client tells Thrivent how to disburse their Choice Dollars. The Choice Dollars can be disbursed every quarter or can accumulate in the clients Choice Dollar account for the full year **BUT MUST** be disbursed before the end of March the following year.

There are two option to disburse your Choice Dollars:

- 1) The client would log into their Thrivent account and under the Generosity tab look for Choice Dollars or Direct Choice Dollars and it will tell you how many Choice Dollars you have in your account. Search for the organization that you wish to direct your Choice Dollars to and submit it.
- 2) The client can call Mary Kossow at Thrivent in Ridgeville Corners at 419-267-0113 or stop at the office and Mary will help you disburse your Choice Dollars.

November Birthdays

- 3- Alli Dean
- 4- Garrett Stamm
Sue Gerken
- 5- Saegan Ruffer
Pastor Mindy Elliott
- 7- Olivia Miller
- 8- Pam Baden
- 11- Carolyn Arps
- 13- Mackenzie Grime
Madison Grime
- 19- Titus Frey
- 20- Steve Spengler
Reagan Wendt
- 23- Dave Hancock
Aylin Weber
Everly Weber
- 24- Chris VonDeylen

Church Council minutes for Tuesday October 1, 2024

Council Members Present: Barry Wachtman, Roger Miller, Matt Eggers, Jamie Kerr, Pam Young, Sandy Andres, Brandon Miller, Steve Spangler and Pastor Mindy. Pastor opened with prayer and devotion; Jamie read the minutes from September 10th meeting. Pam made a motion to accept the minutes; Brandon seconded.

Old Business:

Church Constitution was submitted to synod for comment on September 30th.

More people are still needed to help video services. If anyone is interested in heading this up and sending out reminders to the individuals who are signed up for that Sunday, please let Pastor know.

Matt reported the budget is behind \$2500.

Steve reported the outlet on west side of church is working and church bushes were trimmed on Sept. 30th.

Roger reported the landscaping at the parsonage has started.

Pam reported \$75 was made from the flower sales which went into the camp/youth ministry fund.

New Business:

October 13th will be the Polka Service with a band from Hamler Fest. There will be a German Meal Potluck; sign up sheets are at the back entrance. Pastor to provide hot dogs, brats, and buns.

October 27th is the confirmation service for Calvin Junge. Basement is reserved for his party.

LYO will be hosting a table at Archbold Pumpkin Path on Sunday, October 20th from 1-3 headed up by Trish. (PS about 750 kiddos participated)

Sunday, October 20th is the Ordination and Installation of Steve Basselman at St. Martin's at 3pm.

On Sunday, November 10th we will not have a speaker for Mission Fest but would still like to do a collection for Lutheran disaster relief with a potluck to follow worship. To make this happen, we are in need of someone to head this up; if you are interested, please let Pastor know.

2025 Mission Trip to West Virginia is July 18th – July 25th. There are 12 spots booked with 6-7 interested.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brandon; seconded by Steve.

Sunday December 8th there will be a Congregational Meeting.

Next Meeting: November 5th @7:00PM

Church History

1944- The new planting of shrubs in front of the church were a gift from the Knape Nursery. The marriage of Frieda Rice and Herold Bruns was solemnized in the church on Saturday evening, November 11th.

1954- The marriage of Norma Jean Alexander and Ned Giffey was solemnized in our church on Saturday evening, November 20th.
The annual Advent Family Night was held on Sunday, December 12th at the Legion Hall. There was a potluck meal, carol singing, movies with a Christian message and other entertainment with Leaguers in charge.

1964- Dianne Ruth Herge, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Herge Jr. was baptized on Sunday, November 1st. Her sponsors were Betty Fedderke and Ruth Ann Herge.
The Luther League purchased a 30x48 inch mirror which was mounted in the small hallway between the kitchen and furnace.

1974- The flowers on the altar were given in honor of Henry Dehnke's 90th birthday.
The Luther League high school students went on a field trip with Pastor Jerry and Pat to Capital University in Columbus.

1984- Christopher Craig Skinner, son of Craig & Gale Skinner, was baptized on Sunday, November 11th. His sponsors were Sandra Freytag, Alva & Joyce Lewis, and Mary Susan Lewis.
A surprise Open House was held for Henry Dehnke's 100th Birthday. Henry's family provided for an oak tree to be planted on the church property in his honor.

1994 We served 152 people at the Soup & Pie Dinner Filling Home Benefit. The total collection was \$1,052.32 plus \$ 600.00 matching funds from AAL for a total of \$ 1,652.32.
Herold & Frieda Bruns celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an Open House on Sunday, November 13, at the Ridgeville Legion Hall.

2004-St. Peter Evangelical Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary on November 7th. Following Sunday School and Worship service was a meal which was served at The Ridgeville Legion Hall. A freewill offering was collected to offset the costs for the anniversary celebrations and the upcoming roofing project. After the meal there was a slide show of the history of St. Peter.

2014- LYO's Chicken and Noodle Dinner was in November and served 61 meals. They received a freewill offering of \$660.00 and after expenses they earned \$457.50 for their trip to the Youth Gathering in Detroit.



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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Reformation/Confirmation Sunday Cleaning Team 2 Video: Garrett 9:00 AM Sunday School. 10:00AM. Worship with Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
3	7:00PM Council Meeting	10:00 AM Ten Pin 6:15 PM Family Faith Fest/Catechism	10:00 AM Ten Pin 6:15 PM Family Faith Fest/Catechism LYO packing up hygiene pantry, christmas Crafts and cards	10:00 AM Ten Pin 6:15 PM Family Faith Fest/Catechism	10:00 AM Ten Pin 6:15 PM Family Faith Fest/Catechism	10:00 AM Ten Pin 6:15 PM Family Faith Fest/Catechism
All Saints Sunday Cleaning Team 2 Video: Connor 9:00 AM Sunday School. 10:00AM. Worship with Communion	11	12	13	14	15	16
10	Mission Festival Cleaning Team 3 Video: Garrett 9:00 AM Sunday School. 10:00AM. Worship Soup & Pie Dinner after the service	19	20	21	22	23
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Cleaning Team 3 Video: Sharon/Sam 9:00 AM Sunday School. 10:00AM. Worship with Communion	25	26	27	28	29	30
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christ the King Cleaning Team 4 Video: Donna 9:00 AM Sunday School. 10:00AM. Worship with Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cleaning Team 4 Video: 9:00 AM Sunday School. 10:00AM. Worship with Communion						
				Thanksgiving Day		