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Mark your calendars for our annual Oktoberfest celebration on Sunday, October 26,

2025. We will again be selling sausage plates with all the sides for \$14 each. We will need volunteers to help prepare the food and serve, as well as for all other areas. Church members are needed to provide desserts and/or appetizers to share. The LIVE auction will need at least 25 really nice items. Show off your talents in quilting, wine-making, woodworking, or art for the auction.. Homemade canned goods, baked goods, pickles, hot sauce, jelly, plants are needed for the Country Store. Start working on your special items now.

⇒ Country Store opens at 3:30pm

Linda Koehler

⇒ LIVE Auction begins at 4:00pm

Brenda Bade

⇒ Food service is from 5:00- 6:30pm

Jill Wiggins & Jamie Friedrichs

⇒ Silent Auction begins at 4:00pm and ends 15 minutes after LIVE Auction concludes

Sandra Post

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CROSSTRAILS MINISTRIES



St. Peter's Staff

Rev. Paul Kirchner
Interim Pastor

Dorothy Bowman
Organist and Choir Director

Congregation Council :
(*Executive Committee)

*Sandra Post

President

*Terrell Wiggins

Vice-President/Security

*Debbie Foster

Secretary/Worship & Music

Kenneth Brand

Property

Sarah Brandes

Christian Education

Cody Foil

Stewardship/Finance

Pat McDonald

Gathering Place coordinator

Jarrett Yendrey

Outreach

Wyatt Ball

Youth Representative

ST. PETER'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

	MONTHLY	YEAR-TO-DATE:
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 81,283.58	\$ 107,446.05
INCOME	\$ 30,973.06	\$ 215,366.04
EXPENSES	\$ 21,372.01	\$ 231,927.46
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 90,884.63	\$ 90,884.63

ALL LIVE auction items are due no later than Sunday, October 19th to be included in the LIVE auction list. All later entries will be included in the Silent auction.

ALL NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR COUNTRY STORE MAY BE BROUGHT AS SOON AS YOU HAVE THEM. FRESH ITEMS NEED TO BE BROUGHT SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH.



In September we made an additional principal payment on the loan for the Gathering Place, which along with the October mortgage payment will bring the balance to around \$11,800. With the capital campaign ending in December, we may be able to pay off the entire balance this year. This means we will not need to provide for mortgage payments in the 2026 operating budget. Way to go St. Peter's! Thanks, Jackie



Catechism & Youth Event!

Helping our youth understand, practice, and share our faith has been an important part of the ministry at St. Peter's. After much thought and discussion with the families involved, it was agreed the best way to continue this tradition would be to have a Fall Gathering:

Sunday October 12th after church and ending with Lunch about 12:30

All our Middle School and High School students are invited to share in this time. Parents are welcome to sit in as well. Also, your friends are always welcome. Pastor Paul will be orchestrating our time together, and is excited to get to know our youth better! See you there.

P.S. Parents, if you are planning to be included in the lunch, please inform us a week before—by October 5th.



Call Committee News:

The Call Committee would like to give you all an update on the Call Process. We have completed the Ministry Site Profile, and it was submitted to the ELCA. We received information on a candidate that was interested in St. Peter's. We went through the interview process with this candidate and both the candidate, and the committee went through a discernment period. The candidate interviewed at other churches and ultimately selected another church. We prayed with this candidate to have an easy transition to the new church and for our church as we continue with this process.

It has been brought to our attention that other community members might know "more" than our church members do about the process. We can share certain happenings and information about the call process, but it must be at the right time and with approval from the Synod. We have just learned that the ELCA sends out an E-news newsletter. In the E-news, it shows St. Peter's is in the call process and is interviewing. This newsletter is sent out to churches and leaders that have a subscription to it. As with anything social media and email related, we cannot prevent people in the community from sharing news they see, nor adding to it. Please be patient and understanding with us as we follow the guidelines we are given.

Please continue to pray for guidance, wisdom, strength, and faith for the committee and our church.

Adult Bible study continues its study of Max Lucado and some of the miracles Jesus performed as recorded in John's Gospel. We will meet October 8 and 22 at 6:30pm. All adults are welcome.



**BUNCO –CUERO
OCTOBER 27 AND
GAMES NIGHT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHER-
AN CHURCH
SEE FLYERS ON BULLE-
TIN BOARD BY THE
KITCHEN**

**THANKFUL
GRATEFUL
BLESSED**



We start training our youth at an early age to help with the service. Here is our very own Piper May taking instruction from Wendi Yendrey on how to fold her hands to pray.



**Lord
I pray
to be Led to
and by you**



Dear St. Peter's, Thank you once again for the wonderful opportunity to go to Lutherhill. I always love going to camp because it feels like my sanctuary, somewhere I can really be in the moment with Christ throughout my whole day. Constantly thinking about Him and praising him, putting what I've promised into action. The community is so welcoming and the experiences are unforgettable. Morning worship is so cheerful and night worship is so meaningful. I also felt a big connection to the theme "All together in the fire" because each day gave a different demonstration of who is in the fire/hard times with us and how we can work through them. Although I can't forget the fun and games. Going to Lutherhill really is a huge privilege and the biggest blessing. I hope I can continue to go and share my love for God and this amazing camp each year. Thank you so much.

Lynleigh Griffith



Dear St. Peter's, Thank you so much for sponsoring my trip to Lutherhill. Being a LYLE was one of the best experiences ever, and has definitely inspired me to work as a counselor in the future. Getting to lead Bible study for the middle schoolers and getting to be a counselor for a couple hours out of the day was the highlight of my week. The kids were so much fun to play along with on the pond trampoline and answered my questions so in depth when I led Bible study. My cabin was also a small group of kids that I got super close with and shared a lot with, which I am extremely thankful for. I can't wait to go back as a counselor!

Tyler Griffith



Thank you for your generous gift to the ELCA through the ELCA good gifts. We accomplish together what none of us could do alone. Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

Rachel Wind

Dear Women and congregation of St. Peter's, I want to thank you so much for this year at camp and the last 10 years of attending Lutherhill. Being a LYLE and going to camp for 2 weeks let me create long lasting memories and Christ-centered friendships with the people in my village. I learned a lot about my faith and how to grow stronger as I walk with God through life. I loved getting to lead Bible studies, sing alongs and being someone that my shadow group, the yearlings, could look up to. My favorite memory from this year was watching movies in the chapel and seeing the fireworks on 4th of July. Lutherhill is so special to me and it has been a place that I always experience God's presence and feel so much community. Again, I can't thank y'all enough for your generosity. My years as a camper are something I will always treasure and something I will never forget. Jillian Griffith



October

10-7-06 Natalie & Andrew Abramzit

10-904 Bonnie & Bill Bates

10-14-06 Allison & Wesley Ball

10-24-20 Meghan & Scott Halz

10-25-03 Margaret & Ryan Luker

10-30-71 Brenda & Aldon Bade



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10-1 Aldon Bade

Adam Griffith

Brooke Henry

Colby May

10-3 Kellye Burke

10-5 Brenda Foil

10-7 Billy Dornburg

10-8 Eva Nell Griffith

Sandra Post

10-10 Brian Bade

10-11 William Bates

Monica Brand

Tyler Franke

10-12 Jason Collins

Logan Egg

10-13 Michelle Pruski

10-15 Linnea Griffith

10-16 Patrick Lovett

Lindsey Youngblood

10-19 Garrett Friedrichs

Sue Willms

10-20 Daxton Krueger

10-21 Karolynn

Youngblood

10-23 Geraldine

Sturm

10-24 Brooke Post

10-27 Eric Griffith

Taryn Schendel

Lana Schmidt-

Morris

10-31 Karen Saxton





Stephanie Sturm - grand-daughter of Geraldine

Rose Trevino—friend of Jamie Friedrichs

Dusty Tullos - cousin of Margaret Luker

Victor Vargas - nephew of Alyssa (Luke Abrameit's wife)

Jordan Wise - friend of the Wimberlys

Buddy Young - friend of the community

REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Sandra Post by email stpetesander@gmail.com, or by texting or calling her at 361-649-5127 with St. Peter's prayer list updates, the person's current needs, or when they can be removed from the list.



Joyce Baecker—friend of community

Terra Brand - Terrell Wiggins' niece

Casey Brown - friend of the Tislows

Joyce Foster - grandmother of Shelby Foster

Ainsley Garza - friend of the DeForests

***Barry Geary**-church family member (homebound)

Richard Gisler— father of Vickie Wimberly

Rebecca Graves - friend of Alvin & Arlene DeForest

***Eric & Linnea Griffith** - assoc. members

Kohen Hattenbach - niece of Tyler and Megan Tislow

Dale Henderson - Margaret Luker's dad

Sandra Hoff - former member

Patsy Hudson - Brenda Bade's niece

Terry Karnei - brother of Glenn Karnei

Melita Keith - friend of Margaret Luker

Maureen Ladeairus – mother of Regina Calhoun

Jo Nell Martin - friend of Debbie Foster & the community

Glen Miller - Brenda Bade's brother-in-law

Mike Moseley - Margaret Luker's cousin

Robert Parkinson - Wendi Yendrey's father

Christ Paulsgrove - friend of the community

Pauline Pollard - Karie Wimberly's grandmother

Keith Poppert - brother-in-law of Ina & Alvin

Sara - niece of Eva Griffith

Danny Salazar

Kenneth Sanders - Sandy's Brother

***Sandy Sanders** - church family member



