

The Evangel

St. Peter's First
Community Church

January 2025

Glorify, Build, Reach: The purpose of St. Peter's First Community Church is to glorify God, build up the body of Christ, and reach out to those in our community and world to help them become followers of Christ.

A Reflection from Darlene Bonner, Ministry Coordinator

As we begin a new year and walk together through a pastoral transition, I encourage us to pause and pray over this year. Take a few moments of silence and find yourself in the presence of God. Pray for the direction of the church in 2025. Pray for our congregation, our many ministries, our church leadership and staff. Pray for who God has already selected to be our pastor and trust that God goes before us and has already made a way for St. Pete's.

This seems a fitting time to ponder on the words of the Apostle Paul from Ephesians 4.

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with **one** another in love. Make every effort to keep the **unity of the Spirit** through the **bond** of peace. ⁴ There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called to **one hope** when you were called; ⁵ **one Lord, one faith, one baptism;** ⁶ **one God** and Father of **all**, who is over **all** and through **all** and in **all**. "

The best and sometimes most challenging part of being a Christian is that we called to be in community with one another. Our faith is meant to be experienced in unity with others and not alone. We are meant to be held accountable, to build one another up and act in unity as one body of Christ. Paul's words are a reminder that our church congregation is an immense blessing and we were made to go through things together and live a life worthy of our callings. Let us take this time of new beginnings and transition to be awake to the new possibilities that God has laid out for us and our church.

God has already made a way. All we must do is faithfully walk it. One step at a time.

January 2025 CALENDAR

1/1, HAPPY NEW YEAR

1/5, De-greening of the church

1/7, SeniorPak

1/12, 10:45 a.m. Finance Team

1/14, 5:30 p.m. Council Meeting

1/15, 6:15p.m. Kids' Growing With Jesus

1/18, Moms Group, Café of Hope

1/19, Annual Report 2024 available

1/20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(Church Office Closed)

6:00 p.m. Men's Monthly Meet-up

1/21, SeniorPak

7:00p.m. Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

1/26, Annual Meeting and Carry-In

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About St. Peter's First

Our Mission

St. Peter's First Community Church is a covenant community committed to glorifying God by building up the body of Christ and helping others in our world and neighborhood become followers of Jesus.

Our Covenant

We covenant with one another to seek God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to obey His Word, and to witness the good news of Jesus Christ to the world around us. This we do through the power of the Holy Spirit who has been given to us by the Father to glorify the Son, looking forward toward the triumph of righteousness

The SPFCC Council recently voted on its officers for 2025.

Chairperson- Adam Myers

Vice Chairperson- Katie Schilling

Secretary- Ashley Bender

Treasurer/Finance Team Leader- Andy Bushong

Thank you to all of our Council members and officers for your service! Please join in prayer for God's wisdom and peace for our leaders.

FOR REFLECTION:.

"What activities help you engage with Christ, welcoming His loving presence into your daily life? How might you incorporate those activities into your rhythm and routine as we begin a new year?"

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."³¹ The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:30-31



Birthdays

1/09, Katie Schilling

1/13, Ophelia Bender

1/14, David Morrison

1/16, Arlo Watson

1/17, Nicole Gatchel

Yvette Jarvis

1/18, Jeff Hildebrand

Dawn Williams

1/22, Ellis Shafer

1/23, Tracy Blocker

1/25, Kristen Spiegel

1/27, Nathanael Branham

1/30, Jim Ambler

John Groff

1/31, Vern Neel

Jude Funderburg

Anniversaries

1/01, Cameron & Darlene Bonner

1/14, Joey & Kristen Spiegel

1/28, Danielle & Dustin Shafer

Let's Celebrate!

You're invited to celebrate with these congregants and friends. Connect by praying, calling, or sending a card or text!