

# The Evangel

## St. Peter's First Community Church's Monthly Newsletter

January 2026

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 Jenny Haneline

*Transition.* That is the word that described the year of 2025 at St Pete's. For me, it was a key word in my own family as well.

Through 2025 we as a church transitioned into our own identity as a church, who are we? With or without a pastor.

In 2026, the word I feel in my heart is *growth*. Who do we want to become, and what do we want to grow in this year? I feel so blessed to be a part of this church family. God has provided countless reminders this year that he is present and he is providing.

One of the most memorable moments for me was a moment this summer where it was abundantly clear that God had protected my daughter in a near death experience. It was quick, it was scary, but it was such a good reminder of Jesus' faithfulness and love. God provides for us, he keeps us safe, he keeps us going, and he gives us so many blessings each and every day.

We have so much to be grateful for here at church: Our lively children, and the children's ministries they are a part of, our volunteers that help make worship service go smoothly, our facilities team that keeps our building maintained and takes care of the many needed projects, our fellowship together and the parties we enjoy so much, our hospitality of others outside of our own church family, our financial blessings we are able to share with others, our many guest speakers that have shared so many wonderful messages this past year. We are so grateful.

So this year, how can we add to that? How can we create further unity and discipleship in our church family? How can we invite our Savior and protector into our lives to grow together as the church? I invite you to get involved, ask the hard questions, create relationships, pray together, take in every moment as the blessing God has given you. We are in a season of growth and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us at the end of it.

### January 2026 CALENDAR

#### *Journey with St. Pete's!*

6th:	SeniorPak	21st:	6:15 p.m. Kids' Growing with Jesus
7th:	6:15 p.m. Discipleship Club	24th:	10:00 a.m. SPFCC Mom's Group
13th:	5:30 p.m. Council	25th:	SPFCC Annual Meeting
14th:	6:30 p.m. The 6/7	26th:	5:30 p.m. New Life Meal Ministry
19th:	6:00 p.m. Men's Monthly Meetup	27th:	6:30 p.m. Community Song Time
20th:	SeniorPak		

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever". Psalm 136:1



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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 and eternal life.

### **FOR REFLECTION:**

**"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, " plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

**Jeremiah 29:11**



**How can this verse encourage you when things don't go as planned? When have you struggled to trust that God has a plan for you? What gives you hope now and in the future?**

**"You crown the year with your goodness; your paths overflow with rich food."**

**Psalm 65:11**



### Birthdays

01/09, Katie Schilling

01/13, Ophelia Bender

01/14, David Morrison

01/16, Arlo Watson

01/17, Nicole Gatchel

Yvette Jarvis

01/18, Dawn Williams

01/22, Zen Hess

Ellis Shafer

01/23, Tracy Blocker

01/25, Kristen Spiegel

01/27, Nathanael Branham

01/30, Jim Ambler

John Groff

01/31, Vern Neel

### Anniversaries

01/14, Joey and Kristen Spiegel

01/28, Dustin and Danielle Shafer



**"So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!"**

**2Corinthians 5:17**