

The Evangel

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

October 2025

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 Hannah Shoue

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

I've journaled for a long time, and one of the journaling practices I've been most impacted by is writing out my prayers to God. A format I learned in college that I still like to use is ACTS: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.

Adoration means praise; I start most of my written prayers by meditating on a characteristic of God to praise. "God, you are good. God, you are merciful. You are my healer and redeemer." Confession is an opportunity to confess anything on your mind or heart, whether that be something you need to repent of, something in the world that is a burden to you, or just how you're feeling that day. Confession often leads me to remembering my need for God. Thanksgiving is just that – giving thanks to God for something in your life. "God, thank you for our cats who make me laugh. Thank you for my family and the blessing of our home." Supplication is a fancy word for request. I end the written prayer with asking God for what I need or for the needs of others. "God, please go with me today and give me peace. God, help my friend to feel your presence." And I end with a simple "I love you" and "Amen."

As we contemplate the turning of the world towards days that are darker and colder, I invite you to consider writing out your prayers to God. Keep track of them through the season and reflect back often, seeing where God has shown up in your life and lifted your burdens. Hopefully you will be surprised, delighted, and comforted by the ways the Holy Spirit is constantly working in your life that you may not have noticed before. Bonus points if you use a glittery gel pen ;).

October 2025 CALENDAR

Journey with St. Pete's!

1st:	6:15 p.m.	Discipleship Club	24th:	6:00 p.m.	Kids' Fall Movie Night
14th:		SeniorPak	26th:		Walking with Jesus Walk-a-thon
	5:30 p.m.	Council	27th:	5:30 p.m.	New Life Meal Ministry
15th:	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch	28th:		SeniorPak
20th:	6:00 p.m.	Men's Monthly Meetup		6:30 p.m.	Community Song Time

Announcements:

- **Prayer Partners:** Huntington University reached out to St. Pete's asking if we could partner in prayer with the men's and women's bowling team. We have agreed to pray for them and support them behind the scenes throughout the school year. If you have any questions on what this could look like, please reach out to Matt Gerlach or Josh Watson.
- **Lunch Bunch, There's No Place Like Gnome:** You are invited to another fun-filled luncheon on Wednesday, October 15th, at 12:00 p.m.. Reserve your spot by October 12th, by signing up on the sheet located at the William St. entrance. Reach out to Dianna Whitesell with questions.

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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:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 14:27



What is one moment in which you have experienced God's peace today? Spend time in God's presence sharing the things that are on your heart. Invite God's peace.

"But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all our deeds."

Psalm 73:28



Birthdays

10/06, Sandy Hacker
Jules Webb
10/07, Darlene Bonner
10/08, Linda Strick
10/17, Sharon Bostic
10/19, Adrian Halverstadt
Dana Meyer
10/22, Shari Brinneman
10/25, Ezri Shafer
10/26, Hannah Shoue
10/29, Chris Freeman
Larry Heister
Oliver Metzger
10/31, Charley Baker

Anniversaries

10/03, Adrian & Kelly Halverstadt



Future Foundation

Let's partner in prayer and action as we invest in the children of St. Pete's to ensure a safe and welcoming space for our kids to continue growing as disciples of Jesus now and for generations to come. If you are interested in giving toward this project please mark your donation "Future Foundation" or use this QR Code.

