

The Evangel

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

November 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 Megan Condry

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

Each November we invite you into a season of gratitude. Families make and decorate gratitude keepers out of jars or boxes. A simple symbol and reminder to look for where God is actively at work, to celebrate, and to give thanks. Scribbles may be made by little hands onto popsicle sticks or leaves added to a tree as prayers of thanksgiving are offered. Naming thanks and recording God's faithfulness is a beautiful practice for us at any age and in any month of the year!

Choose gratitude because gratitude changes us. It changes our perspective and allows us to be more present and attentive to God's presence with us. I heard once that gratitude and anxiety cannot exist at the same time and I've found that to be true in choosing to intentionally practice gratitude more. For much of the year I've taken a few moments each morning to pray and reflect back on the day before. I write down three moments of gratitude. Moments where I experienced God or saw God at work in the lives of the people around me. This particular journal is set up where you record thanksgivings of the same date of the month on the same page. Each morning I also read through the thanksgivings from that day for each of the previous months. It's been such a lovely gift! Every single day I am filled with thankfulness to God as I reflect back on all those other blessings. God is faithful. God is with us. There are so many moments of beauty, joy, presence, and provision that I am reminded of that I would have otherwise forgotten. Gratitude leads to more gratitude.

I invite you to take this month to try your own simple gratitude practice. Reflect on where you see God at work, record thanksgivings, and share with others. It doesn't have to be fancy! Start a list on your phone, on a piece of paper, or make a gratitude box after church on a Sunday. Allow God to meet you through the practice of gratitude. As Ann Voksamp puts it, "There is so much joy in seeing how He uses our simple act of noticing the blessings He bestows all around us to transform our lives and the lives of those we touch."

November 2025 CALENDAR

Journey with St. Pete's!

1st: 10:00 a.m.	SPFCC Mom's Group	16th: 10:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
2nd:	All Saint's Day	17th: 6:00 p.m.	Men's Monthly Meetup
3rd: 6:00 p.m.	Sewing Night	19th: 6:15 p.m.	Kids' Growing with Jesus
5th: 6:15 p.m.	Discipleship Club	22nd: 10:00 a.m.	SPFCC Mom's Group
8th: 9:30 a.m.	Noodle Making	23rd:	Ingathering
9th: 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Walk	24th: 5:30 p.m.	Greening of the Church
11th:	SeniorPak	25th:	New Life Meal Ministry
	5:30 p.m. Council		SeniorPak
12th: 6:30 p.m.	The 6/7		

Announcement:

- **Christmas Ornament Invitation:** As Christmas approaches and you're out shopping, if you happen to see a beautiful angel ornament or nativity ornament, we'd love to have them adorn our church this season! If you'd like to contribute, simply bring your ornament to church — we'll make sure it's labeled with your family's name and the year before placing it on the tree.

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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:

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various ways."

1 Peter 4:10



What gifts, big or small, has God given you? How can you use one of these gifts to serve a neighbor today? How can serving others strengthen the church body?

"I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High."

Psalm 7:17



Birthdays

11/02, Rod Myers
11/03, Andy Bushong
Luella Haneline
11/11, Rose Sneary
11/13, Cindy Hildebrand
11/14, Merista Schwersky
11/15, Kenny Foust
Susan Meyer
11/16, Kristie Johnson
11/18, Tom Jennings
11/19, Ron Schenkel
11/21, Trever Davison
11/22, Tom Hosler
Gary Yeiter

11/23, Megan Engle

Madison Groff

Vera Miller

11/24, Isaac Haneline

Sklyer Haneline

Betsy Royer

11/25, Jill Gamlin

11/26, Adam Myers

11/28, Jerome Mackoski

11/30, Jennifer Braun

Anniversaries

11/04, Doug and Carol Kronk
11/15, Sam and Merista Schwersky

SPFCC's annual Ingathering gives congregants the opportunity to give back a portion of what God has blessed them with to be a blessing to others. Collected items will be shared with our neighbors through ministries like SeniorPak and United With Love. Items can be dropped off at the church between now and November 23rd. Consider donating the following items: canned proteins, canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned soup, and pasta.

