

# The Evangel

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

December 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 Danielle Shafer

*an·tic·i·pa·tion - the act of looking forward to or expecting something that is going to happen,  
often with feelings of excitement or anxiety.*

There is so much to anticipate in the month of December. My kids are eagerly anticipating presents under the tree. Many wait with hopeful anticipation of a white Christmas. I anticipate time spent with family and eating my share of holiday desserts. And all of us at SPFCC are patiently anticipating our next pastor.

Advent is a season of anticipation; a season of waiting. And who more was asked to anticipate than Mary, the mother of Jesus?

*"But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:30-33*

As a mom, it's impossible to fathom carrying the Savior of the world in my womb. Yet Mary did it, with obedience, humility, and gratitude. For nine months, she anticipated what was to come - her son and the King of the world, Jesus Christ.

In this month of waiting, I pray that we will experience the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus. And in this season of anticipation for SPFCC, I pray that we will continue to look to Jesus to guide us. It will require patience, but we can trust that God knows the needs of our church and will provide at the right time.

What a gift it is to anticipate the birth of our Savior together!

### December 2025 CALENDAR

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

3rd: 6:15 p.m. Discipleship Club  
9th: SeniorPak  
5:30 p.m. Council  
10th: 6:30 p.m. The 6/7

15th: 6:00 p.m. Men's Monthly Meet-up  
20th: 10:00 a.m. Mom's Group  
22nd: 5:30 p.m. New Life Meal Ministry  
23rd: SeniorPak



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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:

**"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".  
Romans 15:13**



*In what ways can you bring hope to others this Advent season? How might you make space for God's peace in this busy season? Take time to reflect on the big and small joys that God has given you through his never ending love.*

**"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,  
good will toward men."**

**Luke 2:14**



#### Birthdays

12/01, Margie Cox  
12/02, Joy Newton  
12/06, Elsie Metzger  
Adler Shafer  
12/07, Leighla Bruner  
Melody Bruner  
Sandy Shoemaker  
12/08, Jeff Haneline  
12/09, Matt Webb  
12/15, Amelia Halverstadt

12/16, Jen Frederick  
12/19, Abby Chopson  
12/24, Cassie Miller  
12/25, Christopher Nicola  
12/26, Barb Derr  
Adam Jones

#### Anniversaries

12/04, Brandt and Ashley Bender  
12/12, Dan and Yvette Jarvis  
12/22, Rod and Jeannie Myers

