

The Evangel

St. Peter's First
Community Church

February 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 Andy Miller

As some of you know, I often ask God to give me a word for the year that He will continue to use and breathe life into. This word often turns into a kind of guiding light for the year, which helps to steer me and my heart in the direction that God is leading. The word that God has laid on my heart for this year - 2025 - is **PATIENCE!**

There are many things in my life that I need to have (or add) more patience with. The first of which is life with my kids. I love my girls dearly, but they are really good at pushing my buttons some days. If you are a parent, I know that you understand!

Another space that I need to add patience to is my work life. There are many instances where I am waiting on people to respond to an email, text, or phone call. Waiting can be so hard. We live in an instant gratification society and patience is a hard thing.

The other thing that I sense God wanting to breathe patience into is the search for SPFCC's next pastor. I am helping to give some leadership to the Pulpit Search Committee, but I am not a voting member of the committee. It is easy to think that we want our next pastor as fast as possible...and I have caught myself thinking those thoughts at times. But I continually feel that God is telling me (and all of us) to be patient, not to be anxious, and to trust Him with the whole process.

Please continue to pray for SPFCC and the transition to find our next pastor. It is easy to let fear and anxiety creep in, but I am hoping that you will join me in letting God breathe patience into us while we continue to let the process play out. Please keep praying for the Pulpit Search Committee, as well, that God will continue to give them wisdom and discernment. I am convinced that God is sovereign, in control, and that He knows who the next pastor of SPFCC will be. Will you join me in asking God to give us the patience to truly trust Him through it all?

February 2025 CALENDAR

2/4, 9:00 a.m. SeniorPak

6:00 p.m. Women's Circle @ SPFCC

2/6, 12:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering @ SPFCC

2/11, 5:30 p.m. Council Meeting

2/13, 12:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering @ SPFCC

2/17, 6:00 p.m. Men's Monthly Meet-up

2/18, 9:00 a.m. SeniorPak

2/20, 12:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering @ SPFCC

2/21, 6:00 p.m. Kids' Winter Movie Night

2/22, Mom's Group @ Café of Hope

2/24, 5:30 p.m. New Life Meal Ministry

2/27, 12:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering @ SPFCC

February Guest Speakers

February 2nd: Megan Condry

February 16th: Richard Strick

February 9th: Jordan Monson

February 23rd: Hannah Shoue



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JOIN US in person for worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or
online at youtube.com/@spfcc

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

"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

2/01, Brian Royer

Tom Smith

2/07, Becky Lyons

2/08, Bailey Baumgardner

2/09, Gracie Haneline

Evie Webb

2/10, Nikolai Frederick

Clara Gatchel

Sandy Stephan

2/17, Emmitt Engle

2/21, Linda Jennings

2/23, Gabe Baumgardner

Anniversaries

2/12, Theda and Vern Neel

2/20, Gary and Cindy Yeiter

2/24, Jim and Cindy Hildebrand

FOR REFLECTION:.

In Mark 12:30-31, we read Jesus' commandment to love God wholly and completely and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

This is a commandment that sounds simple. What could be easier than loving others? In reality, this commandment is one that we must intentionally dedicate ourselves to everyday. Jesus knew the "soul homework" that he was giving out.

What does loving God completely look like to you? How about loving others completely?

Let's Celebrate!

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

If you would like your birthday or anniversary announced please email church@spfcc.org or call 260)356-0933