

# The Evangel

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

February 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 Megan Condry

*And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. Romans 8:11*

This verse came up on a podcast recently and I haven't stopped thinking about it since. Read it again! The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you! It's wild, astounding, beautiful, and generous. And yet, I venture to guess we spend a lot more of our days forgetting this truth than living out of it. What might God do in and through us if we lived out of the power of the Holy Spirit that is in us?

The kids have been obsessed with the David movie! It's the main thing they have talked about for the last month at every opportunity they get! On Sunday mornings and any other gathering we have, they are talking about David. All with big smiles on their faces sharing how much they love the soundtrack and retelling details from the movie. They are captivated by David's story. How he trusted God and how he continued to seek God through all the twists and turns of his life. I think they are truly captivated by seeing God at work. At Kids' Growing with Jesus they were dancing and singing along to "Follow the Light" with one little guy doing the voices and sound effects from the movie too! Their enthusiasm and love for all things David is incredible.

While seeing the movie at the theater, I encountered God at work by the way he touched my heart through the story of David. I found myself getting emotional a time or two. But what got me the most was seeing the kids watch the movie. One girl was standing up for most of the movie, fully engaged, and talking to David. "Oh no! Be careful, David! Watch out!" One of the older girls said that she started crying at a particular scene. Others shared details from David's story that surprised them and where they saw God's faithfulness and power! They all had a new hunger to learn more about David's story and God's story. Including me! I want to read God's Word and soak up all the details of David's life and I'm pretty sure the kids do too!

As we look ahead to Lent, I'm thinking a lot about the enthusiasm of the kids to talk about the David movie, to listen to the songs on repeat, and to keep learning more about our amazing God. I'm also really captivated by the truth that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us. Lent is a unique season. It's an opportunity to experience and encounter Jesus more intentionally. We'll be sharing some different ways you engage in the Lenten season with our St. Pete's community. I encourage you to invite God into this season. It doesn't need to be complicated or look a certain way. Just make yourself available and watch God move. I invite you to listen to the David soundtrack. It will be 30 minutes well spent. You'll be encouraged and might just find yourself singing along! Reflect over the next few months on the reality that the Holy Spirit lives in you. May you be challenged and encouraged as I was by these words from Chris Tiegreen.

"And, as with everything else of lasting significance, there's only one way to receive his power; by being in his presence. We aren't empowered by the Holy Spirit by default; we have to be in relationship and conversation with God and available for his purposes; just as the first believers were on the Day of Pentecost. When we do - and when we cultivate the kind of relationship that makes us aware of and receptive to his power - things happen."

### February 2026 CALENDAR

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

2nd: 6:00 p.m. Women's Refresh

3rd: SeniorPak

4th: 6:15 p.m. Discipleship Club

6th: 8:15 p.m. Prayer Walk

10th: 5:30 p.m. Council

11th: 6:30 p.m. The 6/7

16th: 6:00 p.m. Men's Monthly Meetup



17th: SeniorPak

6:00 p.m. Sewing Night

18th: 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

20th: 6:00 p.m. Kids' Winter Movie Night

21st: Mom's Group

23rd: 5:30 p.m. New Life Meal Ministry

25th: 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Connection

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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:**

**"Let all that you do be done in love."**

**1 Corinthians 16:14**



**Where is it hardest for you to act in love right now? What is one relationship or situation where God may be calling you to choose love more intentionally? Challenge: Do one intentional act of love for someone who wouldn't expect it.**

**"Because your Love is better than life, my lips will glorify you."**

**Psalm 63:3**



### **Birthdays**

02/01, Brian Royer  
Tom Smith  
02/05, Robert Haneline  
02/07, Becky Lyons  
02/08, Bailey Baumgardner  
02/09, Gracie Haneline  
Evie Webb  
02/10, Clara Gatchel  
Sandy Stephan

02/11, Jess Jones

02/14, Hannah Myers

02/17, Emmitt Engle

02/21, Linda Jennings

02/23, Gabe Baumgardner

### **Anniversaries**

02/12, Vern and Theda Neel  
02/20, Gary and Cindy Yeiter

**Congratulations** to Adam and Erica Myers who welcomed their twins, Asher and Leah, into the world on January 19th! Pray for God's peace and joy for their family as they adjust to becoming a family of 6!

