

The Evangel

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

March 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 Ashley Bender, Missions Team Leader

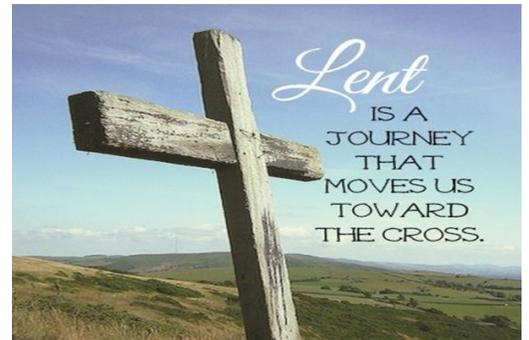
Luke 10:41-42 (NIV) - "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Oh, how I feel for Martha – her house wasn't ready to receive her Savior, but she opened it anyway. She was buzzing about, busy preparing. Her sister was sitting at His feet. Not preparing. Not buzzing like a busy bee. Just listening. Martha lost her cool but gained a valuable lesson – the words from Jesus Himself in Luke 10:41-42.

When I replace Martha's name with my name in the Scripture, I can feel and see Jesus teaching me – "Ashley, Ashley," the Lord answered, you are worried and upset about many things..." He's right, and even though I know He is the only thing I really need, I keep buzzing about. I fly from hectic schedules to political grief, from social media to mom/wife/Christian guilt, yet all along, Jesus is waiting patiently for me to get off my feet and sit at His.

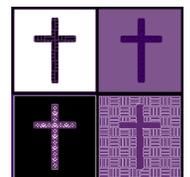
This Lent, I'm deleting the Facebook app off my phone. It's scary. I feel like I NEED to know our community's events. I have serious FOMO (fear of missing out), especially when it comes to my kids missing out. I catch myself scrolling like I'm looking for lost treasure – I'll finally be satisfied when I find that perfect piece of information – but I never do. I'll never find it, because there's only one piece of perfect information, and His name is Jesus Christ!

During this Lenten season, we're focusing on prayer. Ask God to reveal the lost treasure you're seeking, and if it's not Jesus at every part of your day, consider what it could take to retrain your focus. Put your name in place of Martha's and imagine the love in Jesus' eyes and voice when He reminds you to put aside your preparations to sit at His feet.



March 2026 CALENDAR

Journey with St. Pete's!



2nd: Women's Refresh

3rd: SeniorPak

4th: Discipleship Club

9th: Dig Deeper: Prayer Night

10th: Council

11th: The 6/7

13th: Prayer Walk

16th: Men's Monthly Meetup

17th: SeniorPak

18th: Kids' Growing with Jesus

21st: Mom's Group

21st: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

23rd: New Life Meal Ministry

26th: Dig Deeper: Listening Prayer

29th: Palm Sunday

29th: Shut-in Easter Baskets Filled

31st: 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.

"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our hope and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name."

Psalm 33:20-21



Birthdays

03/03, Bonnie Hosler
03/06, Lisa Harter
03/08, Mike Hacker
03/09, Ashley Bender
03/10, Rachel Bushong
Carol Kronk
Ethan Meyer
03/19, Susanne Watson

03/23, Dan Jarvis
03/26, Eloise Engle
Elijah Gerlach
Jesse Haneline
03/29, Alfie Oprie
Josh Watson

Anniversaries

03/29, David and Sally Morrison

FOR REFLECTION:

**"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10**



Challenge: Read Psalm 51 weekly. Seek forgiveness and receive grace. Reflect on what truly satisfies your soul. Encourage someone who is struggling. Thank God intentionally each week.

Announcements:

- **Mary's Garden Tea and Basket Party!** The tea will take place on Saturday, May 16th, here at SPFCC in the fellowship hall. We are currently collecting themed baskets for the raffles that will take place that day. More information to come! Please reach out to Katie Schilling if you have questions!
- **Monthly Mission Focus:** During the month of March, we are highlighting our neighbors that are struggling to pay their utility bills after an exceptionally cold and snowy winter. Consider helping a neighbor if you learn of their need, or by donating to; SPFCC Samaritan Fund, Salvation Army, or United with Love Client Assistance Fund.