

The Evangel

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

July 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.

The Letter to the Church of St. Peters' First Community Church

Written by Matt Gerlach

To the beloved congregation of St. Peters' First Community Church, gathered by grace and set apart for love, may mercy, peace and purpose be multiplied to you, through our Lord and Brother Jesus Christ.

It has been told of your long serving and steadfast love for the body, your concern for the vulnerable, and your longing for deeper fellowship with God and one another. These things are commendable and pleasing in the sight of God. You have opened your hearts to welcome all, and your doors to invite in the stranger, the broken, the seeker, and the joyful alike—this is the work of the Kingdom.

Dear ones, do not grow complacent or weary of doing good because this is what the Spirit reveals is inside of you: that you hunger to see Jesus more clearly, for unity across age and background, for service that flows from following Jesus and not out of obligation. This is good, and it is right to desire more of God's Kingdom.

Therefore, be courageous. Seek the Lord together in prayer and continue in the Word. Allow space for lament and celebration alike. Bear one another's burdens. Let your gatherings be full of joy and power, and your mission bold and compassionate. Let worship not be performance but presence. Let your prayers rise as incense, and your actions speak louder still. Encourage your leaders, lift one another up, and seek the will of God together, for He is faithful and will lead you in all truth. Let the young rise up in courage, creativity, and zeal. Let the elders lead with gentleness, encouragement, and vision. As one body, be united in purpose, this purpose: to serve, to grow, and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Strengthen what remains and pursue the mission that Christ has given you—to be His hands and feet to a world in need.

May your church be like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in season, its leaf never withering—for you are rooted in Christ.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, that together you may, with one voice, glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine—be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you in one spirit. Go in Peace.



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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:

**"If your gift is to encourage other,
be encouraging. If it is giving,
give generously. If God has given
you leadership ability, take the
responsibility seriously. And if
you have a gift for showing
kindness to others, do it gladly."**

Romans 12:8



**What is your gift and how can
you use it to build up the body of
Christ?**

**Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD
with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Psalms 100:1-2

July 2025 CALENDAR

Journey with St. Pete's!

8th:	9:00 a.m.	SeniorPak Ministry
	5:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
10th:	5:00 p.m.	Mom's Group
13th:		Party at the Park
22nd:	9:00 a.m.	SeniorPak Ministry
23rd:	6:15 p.m.	Kids' Growing with Jesus: Christmas in July
27th:		Party at the Park
28th:	5:30 p.m.	New Life Meal Ministry
	6:30 p.m.	Community Song Time



Birthdays

7/06, Katie Garrett
7/07, Karen Rinehart
7/10, Harmony Gerlach
7/12, Dorothy Rodgers
7/16, Deforest Beal
Tammy Brown
Miles Tucker
7/20, Lennon Clark
7/23, Sophie Miller
7/28, Terry Rodgers
Joey Spiegel
7/31, Gary Newton
Pam Powell

Anniversaries

7/05, Andy & Cassie Miller
7/10, Andy & Rachel Bushong
7/13, Cody & Samantha Clark
7/16, Terry & Sharon Bostic
7/22, Christopher & Leslie Nicola
7/24, Brian & Shari Brinneman
7/26, Mike & Becky Lyons
7/28, Ken & Dottie McCurley

Let's Celebrate!

Connect by praying, calling, or sending a card or text!