

# The Evangel

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

August 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 the devotional *Breath as Prayer* by Jennifer Tucker

### You Can be Filled with Joy

**Breathe deep and know:** God is the source of hope, and He can fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him.

What are you filled with today? Is fear and anxiety filling your mind and heart? Or are you full of joy and peace?

I'm fairly certain we'd all choose being filled with joy and peace over fear and anxiety any day, but it often seems impossible to make that shift on our own. And honestly, it is impossible. Willpower alone is not enough to be able to release fear and be filled with joy. We can't always force ourselves to stop feeling anxiety and be filled with peace because often anxiety is as much a physical health condition as it is a mental one. Breathing exercises can help to calm the body and relieve some of the physical effects of fear and anxiety, but breathing alone does not fill us with joy and peace or give us confident hope. Only God can do that.

So breathe deeply. Thank God for tools to address your anxiety. And ask Him to meet you there and to bring joy and peace to your heart today.

*I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him.  
Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

**Inhale:** God of Hope, I trust you;  
**Exhale:** Fill me with joy and peace.

A breath prayer has become an important part of The 6/7 group and Encounter. We ask you to take a few minutes with God and pray the breath prayer above. All are invited to join for Encounter on the second Monday of each month as we commune and connect with God.

## August 2026 CALENDAR

### Journey with St. Pete's!

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st: Classroom Dedication and Celebration | 16th: Digging Deeper in Nature  |
| 2nd: Children's Kickoff                   | 17th: Men's Monthly Meetup      |
| 3rd: Women's Refresh                      | 18th: SeniorPak                 |
| 4th: SeniorPak                            | 19th: In the Middle (The 6/7)   |
| 5th: Coffee & Connection                  | 21st: Kids' Movie Night         |
| 9th: Prayer Night for Homework Help       | 23rd: Party at the Park Cookout |
| 10th: Encounter                           | 24th: New Life Meal Ministry    |
| 11th: Council                             | 26th: Family Gathering          |
| 12th: Coffee, Christ, & Connection        | 30th: Church Zoo Day            |
| 12th: Discipleship Club                   | 31st: Women's Refresh           |

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### About St. Peter's First

#### Our Mission

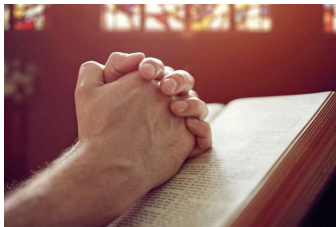
St. Peter's First Community Church is a covenant community committed to glorifying God by building up the body of Christ and helping others in our world and neighborhood become followers of Jesus.

#### 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 your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."  
Matthew 5:16**



**What does it mean to "let your light shine" in your everyday life? Are there places or situations where you tend to hide your faith? Why? How has someone else's example of faith inspired or encouraged you? Challenge: Pray daily and ask God to help you reflect His light wherever you go.**

**"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."**

**Psalm 51:12**



#### Birthdays

08/01, Liam Nicholson  
08/03, Dietrich Hess  
08/04, Emmalyn Hess  
Hezekiah Myers  
08/06, Samantha Haneline  
08/08, Orion Bender  
08/11, Ira Oprie  
08/12, Rick Baker  
Samantha Tutorius  
08/14, Kayla Meyer  
08/18, Scott Baker  
08/26, Janet Branham  
Lyndsey Groff  
08/27, Lily Clark  
08/31, Piper Gerlach

#### Anniversaries

08/02, Kyle & Sharon Metzger  
08/05, John & Susan Meyer  
08/10, Gary & Joy Newton  
08/11, Bobby & Katie Garrett  
08/16, Scott & Robin Baker  
08/20, Rick & Barb Baker  
08/22, Rick & Karen Chesterman  
Mike & Sandy Hacker  
Jeff & Jenny Haneline  
08/24, Tom & Linda Jennings  
08/26, Ryan & Nicole Gatchel  
08/30, Jim & Ann Ambler

*Let's Celebrate!  
Connect by praying,  
calling, or sending a  
card or text!*

