

The Evangel

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

September 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.

A Reflection from Megan Condry

I love You, Lord. Oh your mercy never fails me. All my days, I've been held in Your hands.

These lyrics have come to mind often. I find myself just singing them. Sometimes it is a different part of the song and at times it takes me a while to figure out that it indeed is "Goodness of God" that I am humming. We've sung this song together on Sundays throughout the summer and almost every time I hear it or sing it, I get a catch in my throat.

*Cause all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able.
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

As we find ourselves in the turning of another season, the long, hot, lingering days of summer behind us and the harvest season of beauty ahead, we are right in the middle - living in the in-between. In many ways, our lives feel like that, too. All my life You have been faithful. In every season, every in-between, every high and every low, every joy and every sorrow, God has been faithful and He will continue to be faithful.

*I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. And in darkest night You are close like no other.
I've known You as a Father. I've known You as a Friend. And I have lived in the goodness of God.*

So often we want to get out of the season we are in! We want to be done with the in-between place. We want it to be summer again full of wonder, possibility, and joy. We long for it to be the harvest season of abundance and the enjoyment of the bounty! Rarely do we long for the bareness of winter. And yet, we know that all seasons have their purpose. The trees have to lose their leaves to be able to hold the winter snow. Things have to die so that something new can grow. Even when we find ourselves in a season we don't want to be in or when we feel like the in-between season is lasting too long, we remember that we have known God as a Father and a Friend. We remind one another that there are aspects of God's character that we only get to know and experience in those seasons. We get to experience God as our comfort, peace, and only hope when all we can do is cling to Him.

*Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now. I give You everything.*

Give everyone and everything to me. God continually reminds me of this! When we surrender our fear, anxiety, worry, stress, overwhelm, and we fully put people and situations into God's hands and control, we open ourselves to seeing His goodness. We can see those glimmers of His goodness right here in the middle.

As we look ahead to the fall and as we look ahead to new seasons in our church, and in our lives, let's continue to remind one another that God is faithful and present in all seasons. Let's not rush ahead but instead open ourselves to where God is actively at work right now. Look for His goodness and beauty. Record those moments where you see God at work and return to them often. Remember God's faithfulness. Let's sing together of the goodness of God.

September 2025 CALENDAR

Journey with St. Pete's!

2nd:	SeniorPak	16th:	Senior Pak
7th:	Party at the Park Cookout	17th: 6:15 p.m.	Kids' Growing with Jesus
8th: 6:00 p.m.	Sewing Night	22nd: 5:30 p.m.	New Life Meal Ministry
9th: 5:30 p.m.	Council	6:30 p.m.	Community Song Time
10th: 6:15 p.m.	The 6/7	28th:	Cake Walk
13th: 11:00 a.m.	United With Love Unity Feast	4:00 p.m.	Family Gathering
15th: 6:00 p.m.	Men's Monthly Meetup	30th:	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.

FOR REFLECTION:

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16



Jesus is our light! Jesus is the light! In what ways can you shine the light of Jesus on your neighbors? How does serving our neighbors spread the light of Jesus?

"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in your. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul."

Psalm 143:8



Birthdays

9/02, Ray Scribner
Richard Strick
9/03, Lauren Baker
9/04, Efford Hamilton
9/06, Solveig Webb
9/07, Bodie Gatchel
9/10, Ryan Gatchel
9/12, Beatrix Oprie
9/13, Ilia Schwersky
Theo Watson
9/14, Mike Lyons
9/15, Phil Engle
Susan Enyeart
Ari Tucker

9/22, Connie Baumgardner
Jasper Funderburg
9/26, Kathy Krieg
9/28, Erica Myers
9/29, Andy Miller

Anniversaries

9/01, Josh & Abigail Nicholson
9/08, Brian & Betsy Royer
9/29, Phil & Megan Engle

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

