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THE MESSENGER

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

of New Pittsburg, OH

May-June, 2026

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES

Survey's are underway! You should have received 3 surveys so far. The transition team is meeting again on Monday, May 4th. This team is in place and will begin meeting with Pastor Krause in the near future. In the meantime, we have supply pastors and lay leaders scheduled until an interim becomes available.

It's very important that we continue to worship together and keep our shut-in members being visited. We are looking for people who would be interested in visiting and taking home communion to those members. If you would be interested, please reach out to the office or any council member. This will be greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions or concerns during this period, please reach out.

Council Members

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT: As God's family led by the Holy Spirit, we are a loving and welcoming community inviting others to share and grow in God's Word and grace.

Vision Statement: *As compassionate people we desire to reflect Christ's love.*



Women's Breakfast will meet the 3rd Monday of every month at 9 AM.

- May 18th
- June 15th
- July 20th

A sign-up sheet will be available so we can prepare a table large enough for us.

Please join us for good food and GREAT fellowship!

Foster Care

Currently, there are almost 17,000 children in the foster care system in Ohio and only about 7,100 foster homes. Please consider opening your heart and home to help the kids in our community. Reach out to Cathy Ballinger Brown, The Village Network for more information:

330-641-2355

OR

cballinger@thevillagenetwork.com



THANK YOU

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO SENT ME CARDS, TEXTS, PERSONAL VISITS, WELL WISHES, AND MEALS, BOTH BEFORE, AND DURING MY RECOVERY FROM SURGERY. WE ARE BLESSED TO BE PART OF SUCH A WONDERFUL CHURCH FAMILY!

~KIM KOCH



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE ME THE LOVELY VALENTINES. WHICH MANY HAD A PIECE OF CANDY. ALSO, THANK YOU FOR THE CARDS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS THAT I RECEIVED AFTER THE PASSING OF MY SISTER, SUE.

PS. SUE WAS HAPPY FOR ALL THE VALENTINES SHE RECEIVED ALSO. THANK YOU. GOD BLESS.

~SHIRLEY GILBERT



BELOVED ST. PETER,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT AND CANDY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DAY. THE FLOWERS WERE A GREAT ADDITION TO MY FRONT PORCH! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THINKING OF ME!

~MADALYN SCHMUCKER

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL

BIBLE STUDY

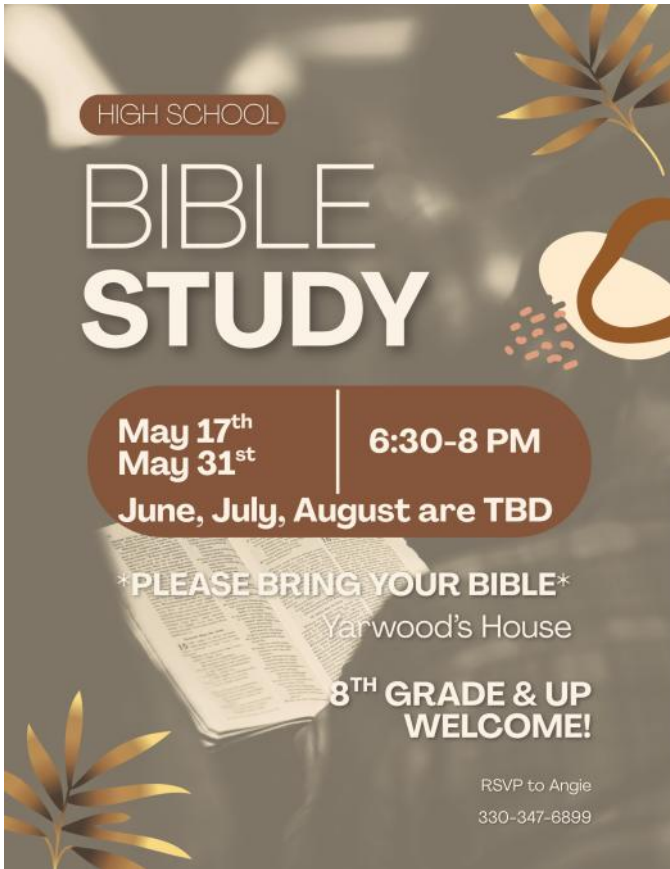
May 17th
May 31st | 6:30-8 PM

June, July, August are TBD

PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE
Yarwood's House

8TH GRADE & UP
WELCOME!

RSVP to Angie
330-347-8899



NEW YORK

JUNE 7TH THRU JUNE 12TH

WE HAVE AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR 8TH THRU 12TH GRADE YOUTH TO GO TO NEW YORK FOR A MISSIONS TRIP. THE COST WILL BE \$475 WHICH INCLUDES; TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, AND 4 LUNCHES. OTHER FOOD AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES ARE **NOT** INCLUDED. WE DO HAVE SOME MONEY SET ASIDE FROM OUR ENDOWMENT FUND TO GO TOWARDS THIS COST. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED - PLEASE REACH OUT TO MADALYN ASAP.



MISSION TRIP 2026

Speak

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

JOIN US DURING WORSHIP
MAY 17, 24 - JUNE 21, 28 - JULY 19, 26

HEAR GOD SPEAK IN OUR LIVES ~ SPEAK OUT ABOUT OUR FAITH ~ SPEAK LIFE INTO THOSE AROUND US



PANDA PRESCHOOL

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

It's hard to believe May will be here. Seems like we just began our school year. This is a happy time for our graduating classes to move on to kindergarten. They will be missed very much by the Panda Staff but we look forward to new faces and returning students.

The 3/4's year end program is Thursday, May 14th at 6:30 PM.

Preschool graduation will be Friday, May 15th at 6:30 PM.

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year has begun. Call the office for a registration packet: 330-264-1986; or download a packet from the website: stpeterelca.org

Miss Tara
Panda Administrator



BREAK OUT

ESCAPE FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY
VBS 2026
JULY 13th THRU JULY 16th

Keep an eye out in the messenger for registration! We should be opening up registration for VBS Mid-May.

Thanks!

~Education & Youth~

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

March 11, 2026

7:00 PM

Secretary's Report

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on March 11, 2026 by President Elect, CF Crum.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Madalyn Schmucker, Diane Kinney, RuthAnn Keener, Rita Tegtmeier, CF Crum, Jennifer Crum, Jillian Siedlecki

Members Absent: Roger Kamp, Deb Elser, Mike Martin

A quorum was present.

III. Devotion

Jennifer Crum shared the devotional.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The Secretary's Report (minutes of the previous meeting) was presented.

Motion: Madalyn Schmucker moved to approve the Secretary's Report as presented. Jillian Siedlecki seconded the motion.

Action: Approved.

V. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented, including designation of \$5,000 in the Memorial Account to be set aside for pastoral support.

Motion: Madalyn Schmucker moved to approve the Secretary's Report as presented. Jillian Siedlecki seconded the motion.

Action: Approved.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Education

- Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme selected.
- Scheduled for July 13–16, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 PM.
- Additional events and activities noted.
- First Communion instruction discussed; approximately 7–8 youth expected to participate.

Primary focus moving forward will be VBS planning.

B. Stewardship and Finance

Discussion held regarding responsibilities for Lenten meals.

C. Worship and Music

- Hymn selections planned through the end of May.
- Recommendations from *Sundays and Seasons* will be shared with the committee.
- Supply pastors are scheduled through July, with the exception of the last Sunday; CF Crum will serve that Sunday.

August outdoor service has been scheduled and pastoral coverage secured.

D. At-Large

No report

VII. Special Reports

A. Shut-In Visitations

Visits reported for Connie, Diane, Linda, Elaine K., and Elly Rice.

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March 11, 2026

7:00 PM

Secretary's Report

B. Transition Team Report

- The Transition Team representative presented the use of both electronic and in-person surveys.
- Surveys will be conducted weekly following Easter, consisting of 10–15 questions tied to weekly fact sheets.
- Results from electronic submissions will be compiled and shared at congregational meetings scheduled in May and June.
- A meal and presentation of findings will be scheduled.
- Surveys will be distributed to current and former members; responses will remain anonymous.
- Communication regarding the survey process will be shared via worship announcement, newsletter (*Messenger*), and social media.
- Paper copies will be available but not preferred due to data aggregation challenges.
A request was made to prioritize a survey regarding the parsonage as the first topic.

Confirmed Transition Team Members:

- Emily Hostetler
- CF Crum - Facilitator
- Nancy Keener
- JD Yarwood
- Angie Yarwood
- Jim Borton

VIII. New Business

A. Synod Assembly

- Scheduled for June 5–6, 2026, at the Knight Center in Akron.
- Madalyn Schmucker will contact Elaine Koch for possible participation.
Announcement will be placed in the bulletin for interested participants.

B. Supply Pastor Compensation

Discussion held regarding standardizing compensation for supply pastors.

C. Parsonage Rental

- Discussion held regarding potential rental of the parsonage.
A potential renter has expressed interest.

Motion: To place the topic of parsonage rental on the April Council Meeting agenda for discussion and vote.

Action: Approved.

CF Crum will communicate with Mike Martin prior to the next meeting to prepare for discussion.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ruthann Keener. CF Crum Seconded the motion.

Action: Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Crum

Addendum to March 11, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

A brief meeting was held following worship on March 22, 2026, to inform Council members of a scheduled meeting on March 26, 2026, at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the March 26 meeting is to consider a potential contract pastor option presented by the Synod.

It was clarified, per Pastor Mitch Phillips, that a contract pastor is distinct from an interim pastor. Should a contract pastor be identified as a good fit, that individual must still participate in the formal call process before being extended a call.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

April 8, 2026

7:00 PM

Secretary's Report

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Madalyn Schmucker, RuthAnn Keener, Rita Tegtmeier, CF Crum, Jennifer Crum, Jillian Siedlecki, Roger Kamp, Deb Elser, Mike Martin

Members Absent:

Diane Kinney

3. Pastor Report

Supply or lay pastors have been assigned through the month of August.

4. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The Council March Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved as presented.

Motion made by CF Crum and seconded by RuthAnn Keener.

5. Committee Reports

A. Education and Youth

NY Missions Trip

- Five students will attend. Total estimated cost: \$2,100 (covers hotel, transportation, lunches, and one breakfast). Memorial Fund (Educational/Youth) contributions will assist with additional trip dinner costs. Trip duration: five nights.

B. Evangelism and Fellowship

Church sign will be updated on April 9, 2026.

C. Property Committee

Committee meeting scheduled for next Tuesday. A property cleanup day will be scheduled for a Saturday morning in May. Lawn mowing will resume and will occur once per month. Discussion held regarding painting the white fence alongside church property, including potential use of student organizations for this purpose.

Parsonage Rental Request: Item to be added to the May Council agenda.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

April 8, 2026

7:00 PM

Secretary's Report

D. Worship and Music

- Meeting needs to be scheduled. Hymns to be prepared. Vicki Moore to be included in planning.

E. Transition Team

10 Topics generated for surveys. Each member of the group shared their research for each of the 10 topics.

The Fact Sheets and Survey Questions were reviewed, edited for content, and agreed upon at the last Transition Team meeting. CF Crum shared a fact sheet (one of the topics) that was presented at the Team's Monday 4/6/26 meeting.

The first survey will be emailed on Sunday, April 12, 2026. Paper surveys will also be available at each Sunday service.

7. Old Business

- **Synod Assembly (June 5–6):**

- Up to four attendees at no cost. Roger Kamp and Rita Tegtmeier expressed interest. Elaine (Synod Committee member) may also attend.

8. New Business

A. Church Messenger

Discussion on expanding content and available space. Preference expressed for use of font color to highlight information.

B. Upcoming Meetings

- Meeting scheduled with Pastor Hanf on April 30.
- Special Council meeting to be scheduled following that meeting.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Kamp and seconded by RuthAnn Keener.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Crum
Council Secretary

FINANCIAL CORNER

FINANCIAL CORNER	2/28/2026
Checking Account - For Current Expenses	
February Offerings	\$10,663
Year-To-Date Offerings	\$23,512
Projected Offerings	\$22,768
Total Expenses Year-To-Date	\$27,802
Checkbook Balance	\$20,834
Other Offerings Given During This Month	
Youth Mission Trip (Lunch)	\$1,125
Building Fund	\$70
Memorial/Youth Min. Balance	\$24,814
Includes \$5000 set-aside for pastor expenses	
Contingency Fund (MIF) Balance	\$29,624
Build./Maint. Fund (MIF) Balance	\$41,878
Scholarship Invest. (LPL Financial)	\$33,524
Endowment Fund (all accounts)	\$105,984
(Balance as of 12/31/2025)	

NEWSLETTER MAILING: The newsletter is emailed to those who have shared an email address with the church. Hard copies are mailed to those with no email. Hard copies are also available at the church.

If you prefer to 'opt out' of the newsletter email, or prefer a copy mailed to you, contact the church office.

Access the newsletter from our website: stpeterelca.org. Click MEDIA (top), then NEWSLETTER in the drop-down menu.

2025/26 Bi-monthly Newsletter Schedule

Submission and assembly dates

Issue	Submissions Due	Assembly
July/Aug, 2026	June 25	June 29
Sept/Oct, 2026	Aug 20	Aug 27
Nov/Dec, 2026	Oct 18	Oct 22
Jan/Feb, 2027	Dec 21	Dec 28
Mar/April, 2027	Feb 19	Feb 23
May/June, 2027	Mar 25	Mar 30

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

FINANCIAL CORNER	3/31/2026
Checking Account - For Current Expenses	
March Offerings	\$13,074
Year-To-Date Offerings	\$36,586
Projected Offerings	\$36,998
Total Expenses Year-To-Date	\$41,048
Checkbook Balance	\$20,830
Other Offerings Given During This Month	
Lenten Offerings	\$607
Building Fund	\$168
Memorial/Youth Min. Balance	\$29,864
Includes \$10,000 set aside for pastor expenses	
Contingency Fund (MIF) Balance	\$29,639
Build./Maint. Fund (MIF) Balance	\$41,899
Scholarship Invest. (LPL Financial)	\$32,699
Endowment Fund (all accounts)	\$105,984
(Balance as of 12/31/2025)	

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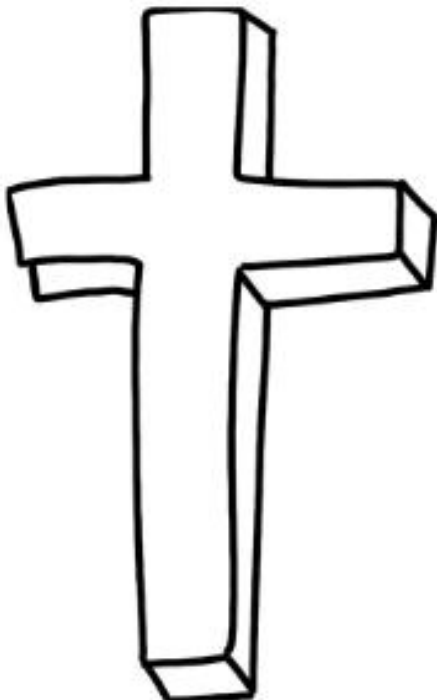
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Outdoor WORSHIP

PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS TO HOLD OUR
ANNUAL OUTDOR WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC.

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT IN THE WEEKLY MESSENGER FOR
MORE DETAILS!