Nov. – Dec., 2026

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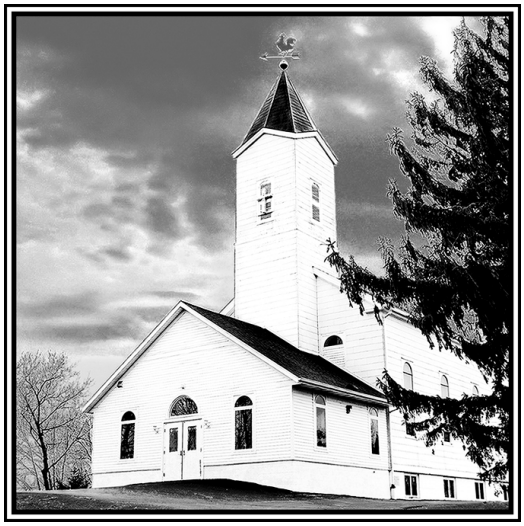
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Sharing with you the joy and power of the gospel!

"… you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21



Anniversaries _

November

3 Jake & Terri Henschel (47)
11 Cheri & Marty Van Ells (30)
12 Mark & Lori Feldmann (49)
26 Peter & Barb Strub (55)
27 Russell & Kristi Spindler (44)

December

20 Steve & LueAnn Kestell (51)

Birthdays



November		December	
3	Paige Nelson Dobbs	1	Becky Grossheim
3	Tony Goetsch	2	Keegan Gimbi
4	Thomas Kilian	3	Chloe Kalk
8	Payton Heinrich	7	Robert Peter
11	Marty Van Ells	8	Cassie Stephanie
13	Mike Gottsacker	8	Cassie Stephanie
14	Summer Henschel	10	Lori Feldmann
		12	Tracy Perl
16	Ben Jensen	13	Kay Hunholz
22	Justin Muehlbauer	15	Joe Nelson
22	Sarah Lubach	16	Rick Neils
25	Ryan Henschel	17	Malorie Laufenberg
25	Lindsey Schmahl	17	Luke Kilian
30	Riley Feldmann	19	Patrick Zorn
		19	Carol Sue Nett
		22	Brian Prefer
		22	Scott Sippel
		22	Wendy Henschel
		23	Jennifer Klinzing
		26	Jason Weigert
		27	Jason Bunyea
		27	Carlee Stephanie
		29	Mark Froh
		29	Samuel Kilian
		30	Mary Goetsch
		30	Logan Klinzing

Addition's or corrections, let Pastor Ted or Judy Doebert know

From the Desk of the Pastor 920-838-5842

It's hard to believe that fall is upon us. I still have air conditioners in my windows which are going to have to come out. For me, fall is also the season for conferences. I attended the 4C's pastor's conference last week and am headed to Wheaton College to attend the Amplify Evangelism conference this week. At the pastor's conference I was impacted by a question that Conference Pastor Ray Delaurier is fond of asking: "How is it with your soul?" That's an astonishing question if you think about it. We often ask people, "How are you doing?" When we ask that question, we usually hear about things that are stressing them out or about health concerns, but this question is different. This question is somewhat challenging. It asks us to share more than what we might want to share. It asks us whether we are willing to talk about the things that we often keep hidden. Why don't we talk about our souls in Christian circles. Shouldn't the church be comfortable talking about our heart? How our relationship with God is going?

How many of our mental and emotional struggles are wrapped up in this question? Many of our heartaches come from the fact that everything is not right in our soul. Often, we pretend that the things that are bothering us are not important. When we feel like something is unfair, it unsettles our soul. When we know that we are not walking in obedience to God's word, it also troubles our soul. The truth is we often don't want to discuss our souls with others because we are afraid that they will find out that we are struggling with issues that we don't want to admit. This brings us to another issue. As Christians, we are often suppressing our feelings about God and his working in our lives. We feel like we can't say what we feel because it would dishonor God.

Scripture is full of people who struggled with God. David often struggled with what was happening to him. Many of his psalms were an effort to come to grips with what he knew about God and what was happening to him in real life. Job struggled with how God could love him when he was going through tremendous loss and depression. Elijah struggled with loneliness and despair, even after winning a great victory. We often look at these events and think, why would they doubt God's power and question whether he was still with them? It's easy to look at someone else's struggles and question their faith, it's entirely different when you are going through something similar. I feel it is important to make this point: God is big enough for your questions. God is also big enough for your emotions. If you don't feel like He is watching over as He promised, talk to Him. If you feel like the way your loved one passed away was not fair, tell Him. He is not going to think poorly of you for it. In fact, He will honor you for being honest with him. The truth is we are not always honest about the condition of our soul. There are things we harbor and things we suppress that keep us from experiencing the peace and tranquility God wants to give to our heart.

I want to share with you the story of Horatio Spafford. Horatio was a successful businessman. He and his wife were recovering from the loss of their son when the great Chicago fire destroyed most of the values of his business. Needing a way to relieve stress and get away he decided to take his wife and four daughters to England. Having some things that he needed to attend to before he could go, he sent his wife and daughters on ahead of him on the ship SS Ville de Havre. But as they were travelling the Atlantic, they were hit by another ship and sank within 12 minutes. His wife later sent a message to him, by telegraph that said, "Saved alone." He lost all 4 daughters in the icy Atlantic. Can you imagine his distress? How did he feel about God in this moment? Yet he is the one who wrote: "When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea-billows roll; whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, 'It is well, it is well with my soul'. How could that be possible? How could it be well with his soul? The sea billows he mentioned were not metaphorical, they were the waves that took the lives of his beloved daughter. Yet, he still found peace in his soul. That is astounding when you think about it. I think that this was a miracle of grace. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

God can work even in the deepest tragedies. He can give you peace even when the world is falling down around you. He can help your soul to be free of worry and despair. He can help change your loss into joy, your despair into hope. This can only be explained by the grace of God. He is able to strengthen our souls; he can bolster out hearts to the point that we know that whatever happens to us in life we know that God will be with us and help us. God spoke through the prophet Isaiah and told us: "Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely, I will help you, surely, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10-11)

In conclusion, I would like to ask this question, "how is it with your soul?" Is your heart filled with doubts and fears? Are you able to say with Horatio Spafford,

"It is well with my soul." If you are struggling with your faith or need encouragement, feel free to contact me, however, my first suggestion would be to ask you this question: "have you told God about it? Have you told him how you really feel? Don't continue to shield your heart, he wants to give you hope and assurance. He promised to walk with us and to give us the blessing of peace in our heart.

May God bless you and keep you,

Rev Ted McCurdy

St. Paul Sunday School News

Nov-Dec 2026

Nov. 15th the last collection Date for O.C.C Boxes Thank you to everyone that donated. The $10 helps cover the postage. Any questions call Nancy at 920 838 1528. Pre-filled $15 boxes are also still available for sale.

A Special Thank You for the Wagon Ride!
Thank you! Gary Henschels. It was sunny and beautiful day for a wagon ride. It was a real blessing.

Wishing You, a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Sunday School Christmas Program on Dec 20th
Planning on doing the Christmas Program at 6:00pm* this year. There will no evening practice this year.

Calendar of Events Mark Your Calendars
December 6th ,13th & 20th .....Christmas Rehearsal 10:15-11:45
December 20th .....6:00pm Caroling 6:30pm Program*
December 27th…….No Sunday School

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ST PETER LADIES AID is serving a meal at Love Inc. on November 19th. Our Roadside Restaurant, Hwy. 57, Plymouth. annual Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 5th.
And the annual Ladies Aid Christmas dinner is December 10th at 5:45 pm at We will be in the back room, ordering off the menu and everyone pays. Husbands, guests are welcome to join us. Please let Jeannie know if you will attend so she can reserve your place.
The resealing of St Peter's parking lot was paid for by the Ladies Aid.



COOKIE WALK

ST. PETER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 9 TO NOON

CHRISTMAS COOKIE AND OTHER TREATS

IN CHURCH BASEMENT, ELEVATOR AVAILABLE

Please pray for our shut-ins, and all of those facing medical issues.

November 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 St. Peter 9:00 St. Paul 10:30	2	3	4 No Confirmation No Bible Study	5	6	7
8 St. Peter 9:00 St. Paul 10:30	9	10	11 Confirmation 6:15 Bible Study 7pm	12	13	14
15 Joint Harvest Fest St Paul 9:00	16 Council 6:30 Consistory 7pm at St. Peters	17	18 Confirmation 6:15 Bible Study 7pm	19 Love Inc Meal St. Peter	20	21
22 St. Peter 9:00 St. Paul 10:30	23	24	25 No Confirmation No Bible Study	26	27	28
29 St. Peter 9:00 St. Paul 10:30	30					

Looking for an event to invite a friend to check out our churches? Please invite them to our Harvest Fest on November 15th at 9am at St Paul. We will have an opportunity to hear from local farmers, hear an inspiring devotional, listen to the local musical group Voices of Peace, and enjoy and the opportunity to fellowship with one another at our potluck brunch following the service.

Thanks,
Pastor Ted

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Sun	**Mon**	**Tue**	**Wed**	**Thu**	**Fri**	**Sat**
		1	**2** **Confirmation 6:15** **Bible Study 7pm**	**3**	**4**	**5** **Quilting St Paul's 9-3** **Lunch provided**
6 **St. Paul 9:00** **St. Peter 10:30**	**7**	**8**	**9** **Confirmation 6:15** **Bible Study 7pm**	**10** **Ladies Aid 5:45** **Roadside Restaurant**	**11**	**12**
13 **St. Paul 9:00** **St. Peter 10:30**	**14** **Joint Council Mtg St. Paul**	**15**	**16** **Confirmation 6:15** **Bible Study 7pm**	**17**	**18**	**19**
20 **St. Paul 9:00** **St. Peter 10:30**	**21**	**22**	**23** **No Confirmation** **No Bible Study**	**24** **St Peter Sunday School Program 6:00pm**	**25** 	**26**
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St. Paul Sunday School Program

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