

May. – June., 2026

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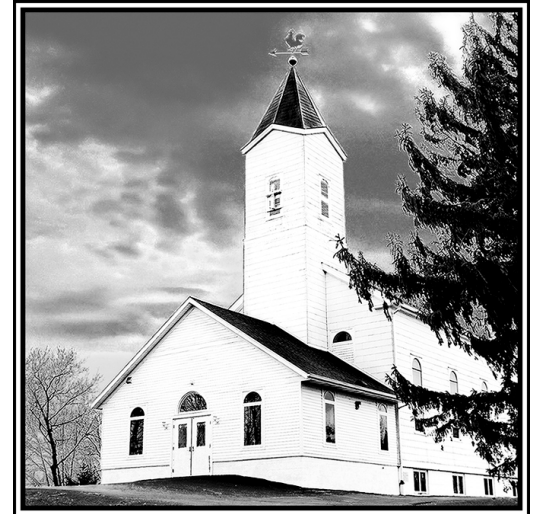
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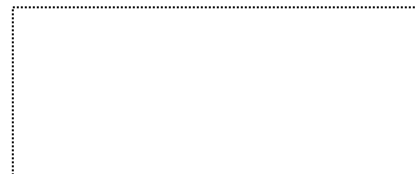
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Sharing with you the joy and power of the gospel!

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

Birthdays



May

1 Melissa Ruh
1 Clayton Henschel
1 Madeline Buechel
2 Brian Schuricht

7 Myrtle Henschel
8 Angel Henschel
12 Larry Schade, Jr.
17 Darlene Conrad
17 Britney Bartlett
18 Kyler Bunyea
19 Andrew Gilsdorf
22 Jessica Justinger
23 Gerri Lynn Nelson
31 Judy Lubach
31 Breanna Faye Navis

1 Steven Weigert
2 Havana Crook
3 Debbie Perl
5 Hannah Sippel
5 John Reiss
5 Sandra Henschel
8 Larry Doebert
10 Eric Klemme
11 Joshua Henschel
12 Brian Spindler
14 Josh Prigge
15 Royal Henschel
15 Peter Strub

June

15 Steve Kestell
16 Lee Pfeil
16 Cassidy Struve
19 Sara Henschel
20 Cody Nelson
21 Jade Henschel
23 Shelly Pfeil
29 Eric Perl
30 Thomas Schultz

Anniversaries



May

5 Tom & Angie Buechel (25th)
11 Larry & Judy Henschel (30th)
11 Holly & Josh Prigge (24th)
18 Gary & Nancy Bieck (42st)
22 Tim & Lois Pagelow (44th)
24 Warren & Carolyn Vanderkin (57th)

June

2 Glenn & Lori Schmahl (42nd)
6 Ted and Kimberly McCurdy (16th)
7 Mark & Carolyn Drier (51st)
27 Mark & Sue Schuricht (44 th)

Any additions or corrections please let me know by email jmdoebert@icloud.com or you can call at 920-889-5711 and leave a message.

If you now have email let me so I can save the church a stamp.

Or if you don't want to receive the Newsletter also let me know

Thank You

Judy Doebert

From the Desk of the Pastor —920-838-5842

What a wet spring we've been having. They are saying that it's the wettest spring that we have on record. We're happy that we got the basement waterproofed several years ago or we would be swimming down there! I hope you didn't have any issues in your basement either. Of course, with all the water, everything has been growing really fast (including the grass). We look forward to spring, to seeing things grow again after such a long time of only seeing dead things.

In a spiritual sense, the good news of the gospel is designed to bring us into a period of growth. When we come to God, he changes our heart. He takes the things that were crushed and destroyed in our lives by sin and brings them alive again. The Holy Spirit reawakens our conscience, it helps us to regenerate the things that we have ignored and destroyed either by choice or neglect. Repentance opens our hearts up, to this new spring. In Revelation, the one seated on the throne declares, "Behold! I am making all things new."

Jesus expects his children to bear fruit. Remember his example of the vine and the branches? "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5)." Jesus didn't save us so that we could remain the way that we are. He wants to change us, to mold us into something better. A tree that bears much fruit. In Jesus' ministry he made this point by cursing the fig tree. Jesus cursed the fig tree because he wanted fruit and there was none. He used the miracle of destroying the fig tree to point out the need for his disciples to grow, to bear fruit.

What does this mean? How can we grow fruit? What kind of things is God looking for? Our faith should lead to some changes. The first sprouts of change tend to be character related. God awakens our conscience to help us become more like him. The fruits of the Spirit that Paul talks about are attributes not actions. In a large sense, growing in Christ is more about **becoming something** than **doing something**. Of course, this doesn't mean that we should be passive and not active in our faith. But before you can do the things God wants you to do, you often have to change your attitudes. Disciples of Jesus are supposed to have the same motivations that Jesus did. Once our character and attitude is transformed into something that resembles the heart of Christ, it will be easier to do the things that God wants us to do. "Change my heart O God, make it ever true, change my heart O God, May I be like You" This doesn't mean that we should become hermits and just try to work on our character issues until we are perfected. The truth is, we won't be completely perfected until the day we are resurrected in the kingdom of God.

One of the reasons Christians struggle to grow, is that after the initial excitement of seeking repentance they often resist listening to the Holy Spirit's prodding. They may have grown some initially, but they often revert back to the way they were living before they knew that God wanted them to be different. David wrote: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me (Psalm 51:10)." Notice that his emphasis is not on doing something, but on becoming someone that has the same values of God (holiness).

As our character, and our values align with God more, it becomes easier to obey Christ. If we are motivated by the hope, joy, peace, and love we will be more willing to work for Christ's kingdom. It's easier to be "doers of the word" if we truly understand the heart of God. We have to understand that God doesn't want us to just bear occasional fruit, but to live a life of service and sacrifice. The apostle Peter told the Christians of his day that they were to be: "living stones, (who) are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5)." Let us pray that God will keep our eyes fixed on him, so that he can mold us into the kind of people that he wants us to be, in order have the persistence to consistently work for the glory of our Lord and Savior.

May the Grace of God give you hope and strength,

Rev. Ted McCurdy

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Carolyn Vanderkin would like to THANK all the people who helped with the **Mission Quilt Project**. You have touched 100 people with your volunteer time.

ST PETER LADIES AID says THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who helped, worked, baked, donated, and patronized our annual chili supper on April 21st! We just could not have it without your help. God's blessings to all.

April 30th we will serve another meal for Love, Inc.

The Ladies Aid next meeting is Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30 in the new addition

at St. Peter. It has been such a blessings to have more ladies attending!

See you then!

St. Paul's Sunday School News

May 2026

Mother's Day Is Coming 10th

Once again, the Sunday School will be participating in the Mother's Day Church Service. There will be poems to be read and flowers, too! Service time is 10:30am.

May 10th is also the last day of Sunday School

“Rainforest Falls” VBS in July 27th – July 31st

In Wild Bible Adventure kids don't just hear a Bible story they become part of it. Kids learn how God create the world, David celebrates all that God knows, David hides from Saul, Jesus dies and comes again to show God's love and God gives a vision of heaven to John.

It's like going back in time, bringing the Bible to life in fresh ways. VBS Children see, hear, touch, and even taste! We will also I have our fun games, prizes, and our mission store. Mark your calendar for **Jul 27th – July 31st**.

Time will be at 9:00am -11:30 am. See You Then.

Helpers for Vacation Bible School

We are always in need of helpers for Vacation Bible School. Helping with classes, activities or driving children to VBS would be so helpful. If you can only help one day that would be okay, too. Donations of mission items or money are also appreciated.

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Psalm 56:8

*In your pain, God's love is your comfort.
He sees your tears and will bring joy to replace every
sorrow in His perfect time.*



**Town Rhine Memorial Day Picnic
Town Rhine Hall on County FF
Picnic 11:00 to 3:00
Parade 1:00, Service to follow**

St. Peter members, your help is needed on:

May 16, 9-11am clean up at Town Hall

May 23, 9am until done to set up at Town Hall

May 25, set up beginning at 8 am (throughout the day for picnic tasks)

Please also bring 2 non-refrigerated desserts per family by 10am to the picnic. **Be sure to indicate what kind they are.******

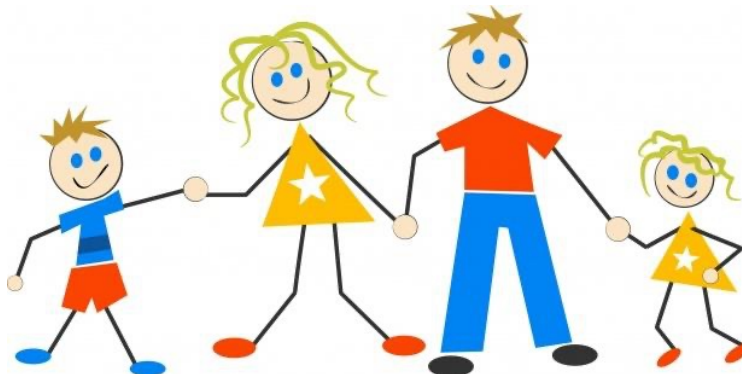
As part of the church's fundraising efforts, there will be a bucket raffle. We are asking for themed baskets with a value of \$40-\$75 or items that can be combined. We are encouraging members to sign up to donate a basket/item for the bucket raffle on the sheet at church. Baskets can be dropped off at church or brought that morning (but please be sure we know that it is coming ahead of time).

****Please consider coming the day of the picnic to help!**

A sign up sheet is available at church so helpers can indicate what time they are able to be there and if there is a specific job that they will be doing - if not, one will be assigned. It is important that we know who is coming to ensure we have enough help for the day.

**Any questions about any picnic details, please contact
Melanie Bunyea at melaniebunyea@gmail.com or 920-207-1831**

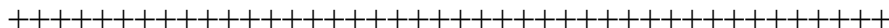
St. Peter Sunday School will be celebrating Mother's Day with our annual Kinderfest service. Come celebrate the children and their parents, as we remember and celebrate that we are all children of God!



The children will be singing, sharing poems and stories, and providing a special gift to all those who attend.

Come and CELEBRATE!

May 10th, 9:00am service at St. Peter



Please pray for all of our shut-ins:

*Myrtle Henschel
Donnie & Dorothy Henschel
Wendy Opperman
Carol Nett
Joyce Neils*

May 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 St Peter 9:00 St. Paul 10:30 Communion	4	5	6 Bible Study 6:00 pm	7	8	9
10 St. Peter 9:00 St.Paul 10:30	11	12	13 Bible Study 6:00 pm	14	15	16 Clean up 9-11 am Town Hall
17 St. Peter 9:00 St.Paul 10:30	18 Council Consistory Mtg 6:30 @ Rhine	19	20 Bible Study 6:00 pm	21	22	23 Step up @ Town Hall 9 am- till Done
24 St. Peter 9:00 St.Paul 10:30	25 Town Rhine Memorial Day 11am - 3pm	26	27 Bible Study 6:00 pm	28	29	30
31 St. Peter 9:00 St.Paul 10:30						

Kinderfest May 10th St. Peter 9:00 am

May 10th last day of Sunday School for St. Paul's

Council / Consistory—May 18th Sticky Church Seminar 7 pm St. Peter

**Memorial Day -Town of Rhine, Picnic 11 am -3 pm
Parade at 1pm Service to follow**

June 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Bible Study 6:00 pm	4	5	6
7 St. Paul Joint Service 9:00 Communion	8	9	10 Bible Study 6:00 pm	11	12	13
14 St. Paul Joint Service	15 Council 6:30 Consistory 7pm @ Rhine	16 Rhine Ladies Aid mtg: 6:30	17 No Bible Study	18	19	20
21 St. Paul Joint Service	22	23	24 Bible Study 6:00 pm	25	26	27
28 Joint Church Picnic 10:00 Glenbeulah	29	30				
<p>Joint service month of June at St. Paul's Church 9:00 am</p> <p>June 28th, Church Picnic @ Glenbuelah Park at 10:00 Bring utensils and a dish to pass.</p>						