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Dear St. Peter's Family,

- A Committee was formed to discuss getting new pew cushions that would include back cushions. The committee met with a representative from Waggoners, Inc. from Hutchinson, Kansas to review the products. They have selected a color and cushion style. The bottom cushion will be two inches thick, standard foam, contour style, and reversible for longer wear. The buttons will be hand-tufted matching fabric-covered with 9-inch spacing. The back cushion will be attached with industrial velcro. The buttons will be hand-tufted matching fabric with 12" spacing in two parallel lines.

The quote for 24 seat cushions is \$6,415.00 and 24 back cushions are \$5,900.00 for a total of \$12,315.00. This includes delivery fees. The quote is good until August 31, 2026, and delivery will be 90-180 days. Samples of the selected cushion styles and color are available in the parish hall. These samples must be returned so please be careful when handling them and avoid food and drinks near them.

Please take some time to consider and let one of the committee know what you think about this.

Debbie Foster Gerald Griffith Lana Schmidt-Morris Lana Jarzombek

Sunday, May 3, St. Peter's Women of the ELCA we will observe **Rachel's Day** by wearing blue which is a symbol of hope. **Rachel's Day** is a day set aside to mourn the loss of our children to violence and to renounce the forces of violence and fear. It is a time to recommit to children everywhere not only to mourn their loss, but to celebrate the vision of a better future even as we hope, plan and pray for the safety and protection of all children.

St. Peter's mission: To grow together as a Christian community in faith, worship and service.

St. Peter's Staff

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Outreach

Wyatt Ball
Youth Representative

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will meet on May 7th at 10am for Bible study followed by the meeting at 11am. During the meeting, we will be voting on changing the meeting date from the first Thursday to the second Tuesday. If the meeting date change is approved, it will begin in August. We will not hold meetings during June and July, for the summer break, but we will continue to hold LWR quilting on the third Wednesdays in June and July.



This year, we joyfully celebrate the accomplishments of our 2026 graduates! Through dedication, perseverance, and faith, these students have reached a milestone, and we are proud to recognize their achievements as a church family.

We invite the entire congregation to join us for a special reception in honor of our graduates on June 7, 2026 following worship. This will be a time of fellowship, encouragement, and celebration as we recognize each graduate and offer our prayers for their next chapter.

Let us continue to support and uplift these young men and women as they follow God's path for their lives. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this exciting new season.

Congratulations, **Class of 2026!** We are so proud of you.

8th Grade Krayleigh Irwin & Zaynee Parma

12th Grade Marleigh Luker, Maevyn Wunsch & Karilynn Youngblood

College Kade Irwin & Harley Jarzombek





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Prayer of Saint Francis

**Lord,
make me an instrument
of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is injury,
pardon;
Where there is doubt,
faith;
Where there is despair,
hope;
Where there is darkness,
light;
And where there is sad-
ness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so
much seek
to be consoled as to con-
sole,
to be understood as to
understand,
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we
receive,
It is in pardoning that
we are pardoned, and it
is in dying that
we are born to eternal
life.
Amen**

Memorial Day honors the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States. It is a solemn day of remembrance for fallen heroes and a time to support their families, ensuring their legacy of freedom, justice, and valor is never forgotten through acts of gratitude and national reflection.



Checking Account Report

	Monthly	Year-To-Date
Beginning Balance	\$ 126,155.39	\$ 133,562.06
Income	\$ 21,696.76	\$ 57,531.25
Expenses	\$15,594.50	\$ 58,835.66
Ending Balance	\$ 132,257.65	\$ 132,257.65

Were Searching for Volunteers



Kenneth Brand has been our contact person for Cross Trails Ministries for quite a few years. He is ready to help someone else to take on the responsibilities of booking a camp work-weekend and getting the projects secured. This doesn't need to be one person, it can be a team of two or more. For more information, please talk to Kenneth and he will fill you in on what you would need to do.



Aldon and Brenda Bade have been raking leaves in the cemetery for a long, long time. When you turn 70+, would you want this job? Let's get them some help, by volunteering as a youth who needs community service, or get a whole group to volunteer. Talk to Me. Bade for more information on when this needs to be done.





MEETING

pastor since Pastor Paul will be on vacation. Outreach: Organizing Sole Mission 2026 to be held in August.

Christian Ed & Youth Ministry: Developing new Sunday Bible Story Session for younger kids after church. Planning VBS (volunteers needed). Property: Minor repairs at The Gathering Place.

- **Financial Snapshot:** Giving remains steady; thank you for your continued generosity. Budget tracking in line with expectations.
- **Decisions Made:** Approved \$1000.00 from Local Benevolence to be used for Sole Mission 2026. A committee was formed by Debbie Foster Gerald Griffith, Lana Jarzombek & Lana Schimdt-Morris, in response to concerns shared by members regarding pew comfort. Debbie Foster presented a sample pew cushion along with estimated cost & proposed timeline. The cost would be \$12,315.00. A generous gift of \$4000.00 was offered for the project. Council asked that input from the congregation be sought before moving forward.
- **Upcoming Events & Dates** May 31 Blessing of the Wheels June 7 Graduate Recognition Sunday Vacation Bible School - TBA

Council Corner: April Update

Ministry Update:

Worship: Music & Hymns selected through June. June 7 will be a guest



A BIG Thank-you to all the prayers from St. Peter's family during Alvin's surgery. What a blessing to have such love and support. Praise God.

Arlene and Alvin and family



St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

Words cannot express my gratitude for your generous gift and support during my time of need, Thank you even more for all the prayers you've prayed for me and my family. I have felt and seen each prayer in action every day. Every one of you have brought a light into my darkness, and I thank you for shining God's light so brightly for me.

With love, Johnna (Gohmert) Picard



Nathan & Ronda	May 1, 2004
Erin & Nick Smith	May 7, 2016
Colby & Regina May	May 14, 2016
David & Tara Krueger	May 15, 2010
Leslie & Trace Wunsch	May 17, 2003
Sandy & Sherry Sanders	May 19, 1973
Deanna & Gary Wacker	May 19, 1962
Delbert & Loyce McCullough	May 27, 1962



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

May 1	Emily Klinkerman	May 14	Walker Wimberly
May 3	Pat McDonald	May 15	Landon Post
May 3	Kathy Schneider	May 16	Wyatt Ball
May 7	Bryce Odem	May 17	Meghan Hale
May 10	Arlene DeForest	May 21	Brenda Straube
May 13	Woods Wimberly	May 22	Maevyn Wunsch
		May 24	Shane Davis
		May 24	Mallory Luker
		May 26	Jonathan Ideus
		May 27	Jill Wiggins
		May 30	Mollie Janota-Wallace
		May 31	Travis Post



Stephanie Sturm - grand-daughter of Geraldine Sturm

Rose Trevino—friend of Jamie Friedrichs

Victor Vargas - nephew of Alyssa (Luke Abrameit's wife)

Jordan Wise - friend of the Wimberlys

Buddy Young - friend of the community

Joyce Baecker—friend of the community

Terra Brand - Terrell Wiggins' niece

Casey Brown - friend of the Tislows

Ainsley Garza - friend of the DeForests

Alvin & Arlene DeForest—Church members

*Barry Geary—church family member (homebound)

Richard Gisler— father of Vickie Wimberly

Rebecca Graves - great niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin & Arlene DeForest

Kohen Hattenbach - niece of Tyler and Megan Tislow

Dale Henderson - Margaret Luker's dad

Sandra Hoff - former member

Patsy Hudson - Brenda Bade's niece

Terry Karnei - brother of Glenn Karnei

Jo Nell Martin - friend of Debbie Foster & the community

Glen Miller - Brenda Bade's brother-in-law

Mike Moseley - Margaret Luker's cousin

Robert & Donna Parkinson - Wendi Yendrey's parents

Pauline Pollard - Karie Wimberly's grandmother

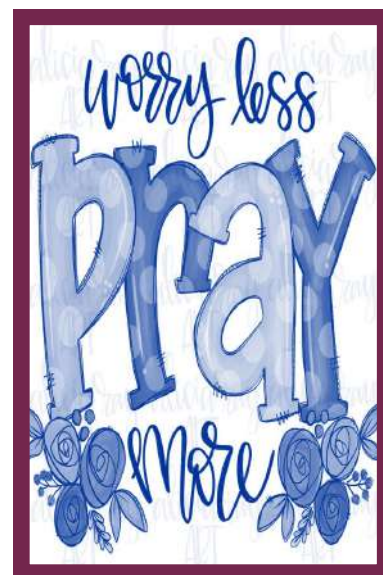
Keith Poppert - brother-in-law of Ina & Alvin DeForest

Sara - niece of Eva Griffith

Danny Salazar

Kenneth Sanders - Sandy's Brother

Annie Schwin—mother of Sharon Abrameit



REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Sandra Post by email stpetesander@gmail.com, or by texting or calling her at 361-649-5127 with St. Peter's prayer list updates, the person's current needs, **or when they can be removed from the list.**





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Brenda Bade



Offering Counters:
Jon Adickes
Cody Foil



Ushers:

5-3 Aldon Bade
5-10 Brayden Franke/youth
5-17 Glenn Karnei/Paul Post
5-24 Glenn Karnei/Paul Post
5-31

Greeters:

5-3 Brenda Bade 5-24 Sandra
5-10 youth 5-31
5-17 Sandra



