

# The Church in the Vineyard

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## Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin:



God picks you from the patch and  
brings you in. (John 15:16)  
Then He washes all the dirt off of you.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all  
the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds  
of doubt, fear, hate, and greed.  
(Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face.  
(Psalm 71:23)  
And He puts his light inside of you to  
shine for all the world to see.  
(Matthew 5:16)

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## Scripture Readings for September and October 2026

### **September 6, 2026 – Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20**

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

### **September 13, 2026 – Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35**

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

### **September 20, 2026 – Jonah 3:10—4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16**

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism, we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

### **September 27, 2026 – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 35-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32**

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

### **October 4, 2026 – Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46**

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophet's mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

### **October 11, 2026 – Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14**

In Isaiah, we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited to not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God, spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

### **October 18, 2026 – Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13], 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22**

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

### **Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2026 – Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36**

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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## Worship Aide Schedule for September and October 2026

*If there is a conflict on your given date, it is your responsibility to find someone to substitute for you.*

*Please notify the office by Wednesday before the Sunday of the change. Thank you!*

|                                      | <b>Sunday<br/>Sept. 6</b> | <b>Sunday<br/>Sept. 13</b>      | <b>Sunday<br/>Sept. 20</b>                               | <b>Sunday<br/>Sept. 27</b>   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Pulpit Supply</b>                 | Richard Penn,<br>ALWL     | No Leader<br>Devotions- Harriet | Erie Conference<br>Pulpit Exchange<br>Pr. Karen Thompson | No Leader<br>Devotions- Paul |
| <b>Assistant<br/>Minister</b>        | Cathi N.                  | Jeremy P.                       | Marcia G.                                                | Paul W.                      |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                      | XXX                       | XXX                             | XXX                                                      | XXX                          |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                       | XXX                       | XXX                             | XXX                                                      | XXX                          |
| <b>Lector</b>                        | Cathi N.                  | Gerda W.                        | Marcia G.                                                | Crystal P.                   |
| <b>Usher(s)</b>                      | Anthony N.                | Paul W.                         | Dennis G.                                                | Harriet P.                   |
| <b>Altar Care<br/>Lay Distribtor</b> | Marcia G.<br>Marcia G.    | XXX<br>XXX                      | XXX<br>XXX                                               | XXX<br>XXX                   |
| <b>Counters</b>                      | Marcia G.<br>Cathi N.     | Scott T.<br>Paul W.             | Leslee G.<br>Dennis G.                                   | Don P.<br>Scott T.           |

|                                      | <b>Sunday<br/>Oct. 4</b> | <b>Sunday<br/>Oct. 11</b>      | <b>Commitment<br/>Sunday<br/>Oct. 18</b> | <b>Sunday<br/>Oct. 25</b>     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Pulpit Supply</b>                 | Richard Penn,<br>ALWL    | No Leader<br>Devotions- Jeremy | Dr. David Olson,<br>ALWL                 | No Leader<br>Devotions-Marcia |
| <b>Assistant<br/>Minister</b>        | Cathi N.                 | Jeremy P.                      | Paul W.                                  | Marcia G.                     |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                      | XXX                      | XXX                            | XXX                                      | XXX                           |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                       | XXX                      | XXX                            | XXX                                      | XXX                           |
| <b>Lector</b>                        | Cathi N.                 | Crystal P.                     | Paul W.                                  | Gerda W.                      |
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| <b>Counters</b>                      | Leslee G.<br>Cathi N.    | Don P.<br>Scott T.             | Frank G.<br>Cathi N.                     | Dennis G.<br>Scott T.         |

## Happening at St. Peter's in September and October 2026

A big **Thank You** for all those who sponsored a child and filled a bookbag with new clothing items or purchased much needed school supplies for them to begin a new year of school!



On **Sunday, September 13th**, as a part of God's Work, Our Hands, members and friends of St.

Peter's are asked to use their hands to purchase diapers, diaper wipes, Desitin™, baby lotion, etc. and place them on the altar on that Sunday. Items collected will be taken to the Mercy Center for Women. Through your generous gifts, may we be a blessing to little ones!

### **Commitment Sunday Sunday, October 18, 2026**

Plan to attend worship on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> as we commit our Giving Pledges for 2027 during worship.

A light luncheon of subs, salads and desserts in the Fellowship Hall will immediately follow our worship service. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to stay for lunch so we can plan accordingly.



### **Fall Project – NE Youth in Need**

As the new school year begins, St. Peter's will once again join with the nurses in the North East Schools to help provide much needed items for the students. Personal hygiene items such as travel size deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and feminine products are needed at the Middle/High Schools. The Elementary School needs underwear, socks and sweatpants in all sizes from 6 to 14. Thank you for taking care of our youth in need!



### **St. Peter's Book Club**

Join us at The Bean coffee shop in downtown North East!

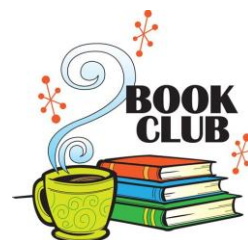
#### **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Making selections for 2027

9:30-10:00 – Social Time.

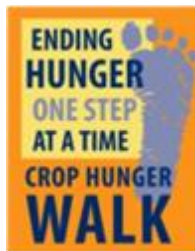
10:00-11:00 – Book Discussion.

**All are welcome!**



### **2026 Erie County Crop Walk Sunday, September 27, 2026**

Once again, St. Peter's will be participating in this year's Crop Walk to help end hunger.



You can participate in this worthy cause by:

- Walking (1 or 5.5 miles)
- Sponsoring a walker
- Donating to the Crop Walk

For more information, see Marcia Groce, St. Peter's coordinator. Thank you for your Support!

### **North East Food Pantry News**

Welcome Fall and the opportunity to help those around us ...

During the months of September and October we will be collecting boxes of cereal for the NE Food Pantry. Thank you for all you do for your neighbors in need!



## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS BINGO

"God's work. Our hands." is the ELCA's annual day of service, taking place Sept. 13, 2026. It is a blessed opportunity for all our congregations to celebrate who we are as a church, engaging in projects and activities that explore our convictions as Lutherans: that all life in Jesus flows from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Here's a BINGO activity used by First Lutheran in Warren, PA for Creation Sunday, but fun idea for any time of year including as a "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday activity for any age. These activities reflect how we serve and live our everyday lives as Lutheran Christians.

Their prize was a creation friendly reusable shopping bag with the church logo. Find four more BINGO cards on our Facebook page. The CANVA app was used to design the BINGO cards. Thanks to Green Team member Penny Lester for sharing.

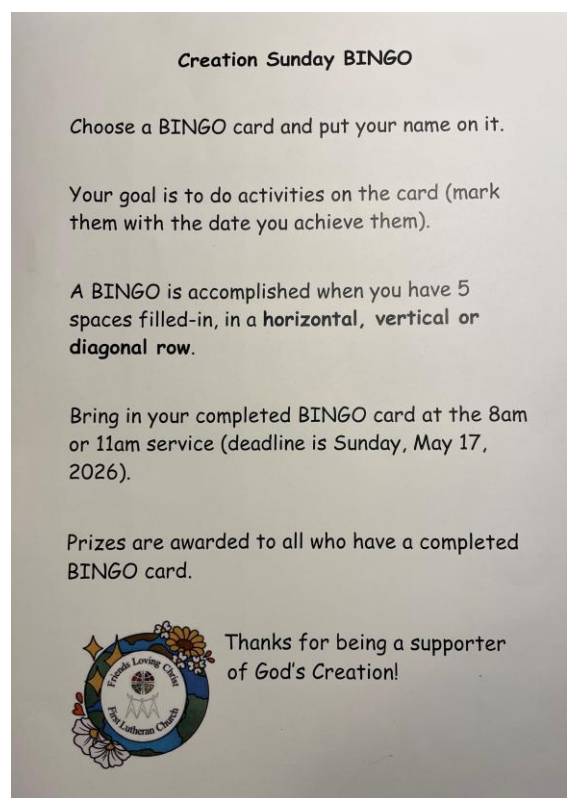


**Creation Sunday BINGO**

|                                                                           |                                                       |                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bought milk in a paper carton instead of plastic                          | Went for a walk in nature                             | Reused what I could                                 | Participated in community or block clean-up                                           | Used solar lights for outdoor landscaping/safety                    |
| Declined a plastic straw at the drive-thru                                | Used biodegradable lawn/leaf bags rather than plastic | Used lower watt lightbulbs for seldom used rooms    | Prayed for lawmakers to enact environmentally friendly policies                       | Reduced my food intake/ate all the food I put on my plate           |
| Shopped for clothing/household items at second-hand stores                | Walked somewhere I would normally drive to            | <b>free</b>                                         | Used a cloth towel instead of a paper towel                                           | Used and washed real utensils instead of throw-away plastic         |
| Ate a piece of fruit as a snack rather than something that produced trash | Turned off lights when leaving a room                 | Used a biodegradable "poop bag" when walking my dog | Used washable cleaning cloths instead of paper towels                                 | Offered leftovers to a friend/family member instead of wasting food |
| Recycled newspapers and magazines                                         | Donated material to FLC Wednesday Quilters            | Used eco-friendly gift wrap                         | Got water from the faucet or bottle filling station instead of using a plastic bottle | Took the stairs instead of the elevator                             |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Front



**Creation Sunday BINGO**

Choose a BINGO card and put your name on it.

Your goal is to do activities on the card (mark them with the date you achieve them).

A BINGO is accomplished when you have 5 spaces filled-in, in a **horizontal, vertical or diagonal row**.

Bring in your completed BINGO card at the 8am or 11am service (deadline is Sunday, May 17, 2026).

Prizes are awarded to all who have a completed BINGO card.

Thanks for being a supporter of God's Creation!

Back

Green Team's purpose is to "raise awareness of and advocate for the care of creation." Our mission is to support and encourage creation care ministries, raise awareness, model creation care advocacy consistent with The ELCA teachings in our faith communities and public life.

Like and follow us on Facebook: [Northwestern PA Synod Green Team – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#).

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September 2026

## Milestones in our Lives

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ....

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Eric McCray           | 9/01  |
| Spencer Wurst         | 9/03  |
| Madison Page          | 9/05  |
| Montgomery LeRocque   | 9/06  |
| Jean Lewis            | 9/06  |
| Donald Partch         | 9/08  |
| Nancy Kelley          | 9/11  |
| Stephanie Desin       | 9/12  |
| Eleanor Newara        | 9/15  |
| Kay Watson            | 9/15  |
| Evan Newcomer         | 9/16  |
| Nichole Barkman       | 9/18  |
| Mike Dudick           | 9/18  |
| Colby Stetson         | 9/18  |
| Scott Torrance        | 9/18  |
| Susan Britten         | 9/22  |
| Matthew Desin         | 9/24  |
| Jonathan Schau        | 9/25  |
| Tracy Million         | 9/27  |
| Patricia Britt        | 9/29  |
| Jamie Fuller          | 9/29  |
| Ethan Dixon           | 10/03 |
| Patricia Kimmy        | 10/03 |
| Bill Brooks           | 10/05 |
| Elizabeth Hutchinson  | 10/07 |
| Colton Weigle         | 10/08 |
| Lauren Cassidy        | 10/10 |
| Rosemarie Million     | 10/10 |
| Emily Benden          | 10/13 |
| Crystal Pratt         | 10/14 |
| Bailey Penrod         | 10/15 |
| Christopher Wakley    | 10/15 |
| Abigail Penrod        | 10/18 |
| Lindsey Witosky       | 10/18 |
| Haley Newcomer        | 10/19 |
| Savannah Chrzanowski  | 10/20 |
| Sally Valone          | 10/20 |
| Steven Wheeler        | 10/20 |
| Sebastian Chrzanowski | 10/24 |
| Serena Wheeler        | 10/25 |
| Corey Voorhis         | 10/27 |
| Stephen Foster        | 10/28 |
| Victoria Hasbrouck    | 10/31 |
| Kelly Million         | 10/31 |
| Ryan Mundaniohl       | 10/31 |

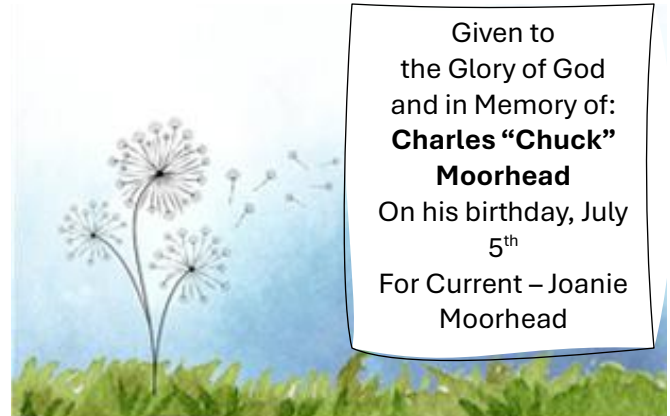


### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

**Amanda & Russell**  
**Neill** on 9/12  
**Gerda & Thomas**  
**Wheeler** on 9/13  
**Matthew & Stephanie**  
**Dennison** on 9/17  
**Melissa & Matthew**  
**Sines** on 9/28  
**Kay & Ken**  
**Watson** on 10/02  
**Raymond & Carol**  
**Wakley** on 10/05  
**Lee Ann & Roy Henkes** on 10/11  
**Jeremy & Sasha Pratt** on 10/11  
**John & Mary Helen Page** on 10/22



### Memorials for June and July, 2026



We are again reminded that here  
we have no abiding city.

In His infinite mercy,  
the LORD has graciously received  
into His nearer presence:

**Norman W. Miller**

**Born: July 29, 1952 Died: July 7, 2026**

LORD,  
 teach us to consider  
 our own departure  
 that when the  
 hour is come,  
 we may be prepared  
 for a blessed entrance  
 into the Heavenly  
 Kingdom.



## St. Peter's Committee News

### From the Finance Committee:

- ❖ Members are reminded to write their name and/or giving number on their Offering Envelopes to assist the Financial Secretary and Treasurer in processing the finances of the church.
- ❖ Members and friends of St. Peter's can designate their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church through the Thrivent Website.

**January – July 2026**

#### Offerings from Giving Envelopes

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>For Current:</b>            | <b>\$41,672.00</b> |
| <b>For Benevolence:</b>        | <b>\$ 4,958.00</b> |
| <b>Special Envelope Bene:</b>  | <b>\$ 525.00</b>   |
| <b>Capital Gifts:</b>          | <b>\$ 256.00</b>   |
| <b>Initial:</b>                | <b>\$ 55.00</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL GIVING ENVELOPES:</b> | <b>\$43,043.00</b> |

### From the Property Committee:

1. Members are needed to pull weeds to help keep our grounds looking beautiful!
2. There are several pieces of medical equipment that are available for members to borrow as needed to support recovery after surgery or ongoing health needs. We have an adjustable walker, transport wheelchair and several canes. Please speak with Cathi in the office if you are in need.

### From the Endowment Committee ...

*Members are reminded that Endowment Grant Applications are available on the bulletin board that can be filled out and submitted to either Don Partch or the Church Office for consideration.*

*Endowment meets quarterly and grants can be approved through the following categories: Local Outreach, World Outreach, Education and Capital Improvement.*

### From the Worship & Music Committee:

- We are continuing in the Season of Pentecost – the season of growth!
- The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered on the first Sunday of the month unless a Supply Pastor is present.

### If I volunteer to clean, what do I need to do?

#### WEEKLY

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Hallway</b>   | <b>Bathrooms</b> |
| Clean Door Glass | Clean Mirrors    |
| Cobwebs          | Clean Toilets    |
| Dust             | Empty Trash      |
| Vacuum           | Mop Floors       |
|                  | Wipe Sinks       |

#### **Kitchen**

Empty and take Trash  
Vacuum  
Wipe Counters

#### EVERY OTHER WEEK

#### **Week 1: Sanctuary**

Cobwebs  
Dust  
Vacuum

#### **Week 2: Fellowship Hall**

Cobwebs  
Dust  
Vacuum



### From the Fellowship Committee:

Members are needed to sign up to serve as Coffee Hour hosts. A cake or several dozen cookies is all that is needed to fellowship with our church family, supply leaders and visitors!

**Notice:** All Committees should prepare their 2027 Budget Request and submit their request to the Finance Committee via the church office **by Wednesday, September 30, 2026** by Noon to allow the Finance Committee time to prepare and submit a Proposed Budget for 2027 to Church Council.

## Committee News continued ...

### From the Stewardship Committee ...

This year, Sunday, October 18th, has been set aside as Consecration Sunday – the Sunday when we will pledge our Promise of Commitments to the Lord for the upcoming year.

Please plan to attend to pledge your financial commitment to God's work through St. Peter's Lutheran Church. It is imperative that the Finance Committee have an estimate of giving in order to set the parameters of the Budget for 2027.

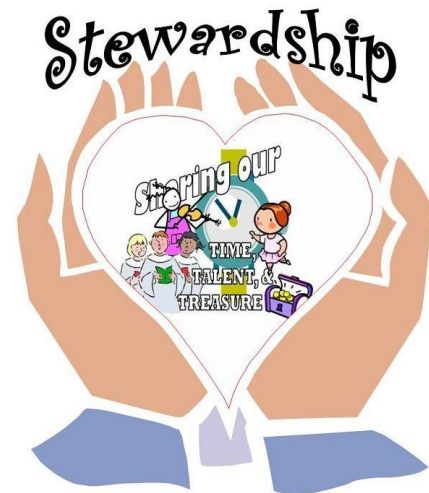
A copy of the Promise of Commitment Card is included below for you to pray over and complete as the Lord leads you. Promise of Commitment Cards can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, or mailed to the church office at: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, PO Box 268, North East, PA 16428. Promise of Commitment Cards will also be available in the narthex of the church.

Following our worship service, we will make our way to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a luncheon of sub sandwiches and a variety of sides and desserts prepared by the ladies of the LCW!

In gratitude for all that the LORD has blessed us with, during the luncheon we will take up a free-will offering to benefit the North East Food Pantry.

Thank you!

The Stewardship Committee



**October 18, 2026**  
***My Promise of Commitment to***  
***God's Work through our Church in***  
**2027**

**YES!** I will support the mission and witness of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church acknowledging that my commitment may be changed during the year by phoning the church office.

My Commitment is:

\_\_\_\_ Weekly      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Monthly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Yearly      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To be divided as follows:

\_\_\_\_ Current Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ For Benevolence \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ For Capital \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***Keep this side as a reminder of your commitment to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church during the year 2027.***

\_\_\_\_ Weekly                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Monthly                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Yearly                        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To be divided as follows:

\_\_\_\_ Current Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Benevolence \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Capital \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Time & Talent Sheet for 2027

The information on this form is a very valuable tool which allows us to know which of our members are interested in serving on committees, serving during worship and who has talents that can be shared in our ministries. It is important to have up-to-date information about the gifts God has given each of us to use for his glory!

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Christian Education:** Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Bible Study Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Student \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery \_\_\_\_\_  
SCS Student \_\_\_\_\_ SCS Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Sub. SCS Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Group \_\_\_\_\_ YG Leader \_\_\_\_\_

**Christian Fellowship:** Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Coffee Hour \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation Lunch/Dinner Worker \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Office Support:** Historian \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Office Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Photography \_\_\_\_\_

**Evangelism & Witness:** Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Meals to Sick/Recovering \_\_\_\_\_ Provide Transportation \_\_\_\_\_  
*Visit with:* Homebound Members \_\_\_\_\_ Non-attending Members \_\_\_\_\_ Prospective Members \_\_\_\_\_

**Finance:** Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Church Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Offering Counter \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership:** Audit Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Call Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Church Council Candidate \_\_\_\_\_  
Endowment Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Erie Conference of Lutheran Churches Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
Mutual Ministry Committee \_\_\_\_\_ North East Council of Churches Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
NWPAsynod Assembly Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

**Lutheran Church Women (LCW):** Member \_\_\_\_\_ Benefit Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral Dinner \_\_\_\_\_  
Meal in the Upper Room \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in Service Projects \_\_\_\_\_  
Serve as an Officer \_\_\_\_\_

**Music & Arts:** Bell Choir Member \_\_\_\_\_ Cantor (Sing Liturgy) \_\_\_\_\_ Choir Member \_\_\_\_\_ Sing Solo \_\_\_\_\_  
*I play the following instruments:* Drums \_\_\_\_\_ Guitar \_\_\_\_\_ Organ \_\_\_\_\_ Piano \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*I am interested in:* Acting in a play/skit \_\_\_\_\_ Designing Scenery \_\_\_\_\_ Prop Master \_\_\_\_\_ Stage Crew \_\_\_\_\_

**Property:** Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Carpentry/Construction \_\_\_\_\_ Church Clean-up Days \_\_\_\_\_ Electrical \_\_\_\_\_  
Flowers/Weeding \_\_\_\_\_ Outdoor Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Painting \_\_\_\_\_ Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_ Snow Removal (Entrance) \_\_\_\_\_

**Small Groups:** Bible Study \_\_\_\_\_ Health & Wellness \_\_\_\_\_ Men's Fellowship Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Prayer Chain \_\_\_\_\_ St. Peter's Book Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Stewardship/Community Outreach:** Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Crop Walk Rep \_\_\_\_\_ Crop Walk Participant \_\_\_\_\_  
Mission Trip Participant \_\_\_\_\_ North East Food Pantry Rep \_\_\_\_\_ North East Food Pantry Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_  
NWPAsynod Green Team \_\_\_\_\_ NWPAsynod World Hunger Team \_\_\_\_\_ Service Project (Local) \_\_\_\_\_  
Thrivent Project (Local) \_\_\_\_\_

**Worship:** Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Acolyte \_\_\_\_\_ Altar Guild \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Minister \_\_\_\_\_ A/V Tech \_\_\_\_\_  
Crucifer \_\_\_\_\_ Devotions (Sermon) \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister (Sick/Homebound) \_\_\_\_\_ Greeter/Host \_\_\_\_\_  
Lay Distributor (At Worship) \_\_\_\_\_ Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal Decorating \_\_\_\_\_ Usher \_\_\_\_\_ Robe Care \_\_\_\_\_

**Thoughts/Comments:**

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2026

Mae Dudick  
Marcia Groce  
Harriet Partch  
Don Partch  
Crystal Pratt  
Scott Torrance  
Shirley Torrance  
Paul Witosky

## OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION FOR 2026

President – Don Partch  
Vice President – Marcia Groce  
Secretary – Harriet Partch  
Treasurer – Scott Torrance Sr.  
Council Financial Secretary –  
Shirley Torrance

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Cathi Newara

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Ellsworth Textor

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**REMINDER:** As motioned and approved by Church Council at their meeting on 8-17-2021, 100% of offerings given in the special giving envelopes [Ash Wednesday, six Wednesdays in Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas] will be placed toward Benevolence to help our congregation meet our apportioned benevolence amount of \$12,500.00 to the NWPB Synod of the ELCA each year.

## September and October At-A-Glance

### Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am

|                     |                                                                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sep 1               | Property meets at 7:00 pm                                                     |
| Sep 6               | Holy Communion at Worship                                                     |
| Sep 7               | <b>Labor Day</b> – Church office is closed                                    |
| Sep 9               | Stewardship meets at 11:00 am                                                 |
| Sep 11              | Book Club meets @ The Bean 9:30 am                                            |
| Sep 13              | <b>God's Work, Our Hands</b>                                                  |
| Sep 14 until Sep 18 | Church Office Closed                                                          |
| Sep 15              | Church Council meets at 6:30 pm                                               |
| Sep 20              | <b>Erie Lutheran Conference Pulpit Exchange</b><br>Welcome Pr. Karen Thompson |
| Sep 27              | <b>Erie County Crop Walk 1:00 pm</b>                                          |
| Oct 4               | Holy Communion at Worship                                                     |
| Oct 6               | Property meets at 7:00 pm                                                     |
| Oct 14              | Stewardship meets at 11:00 am                                                 |
| Oct 18              | <b>Commitment Sunday &amp; Luncheon</b>                                       |
| Oct 20              | Church Council meets at 6:30 pm                                               |
| Oct 25              | <b>Reformation Sunday</b>                                                     |
| Oct 31              | <b>Halloween</b>                                                              |

