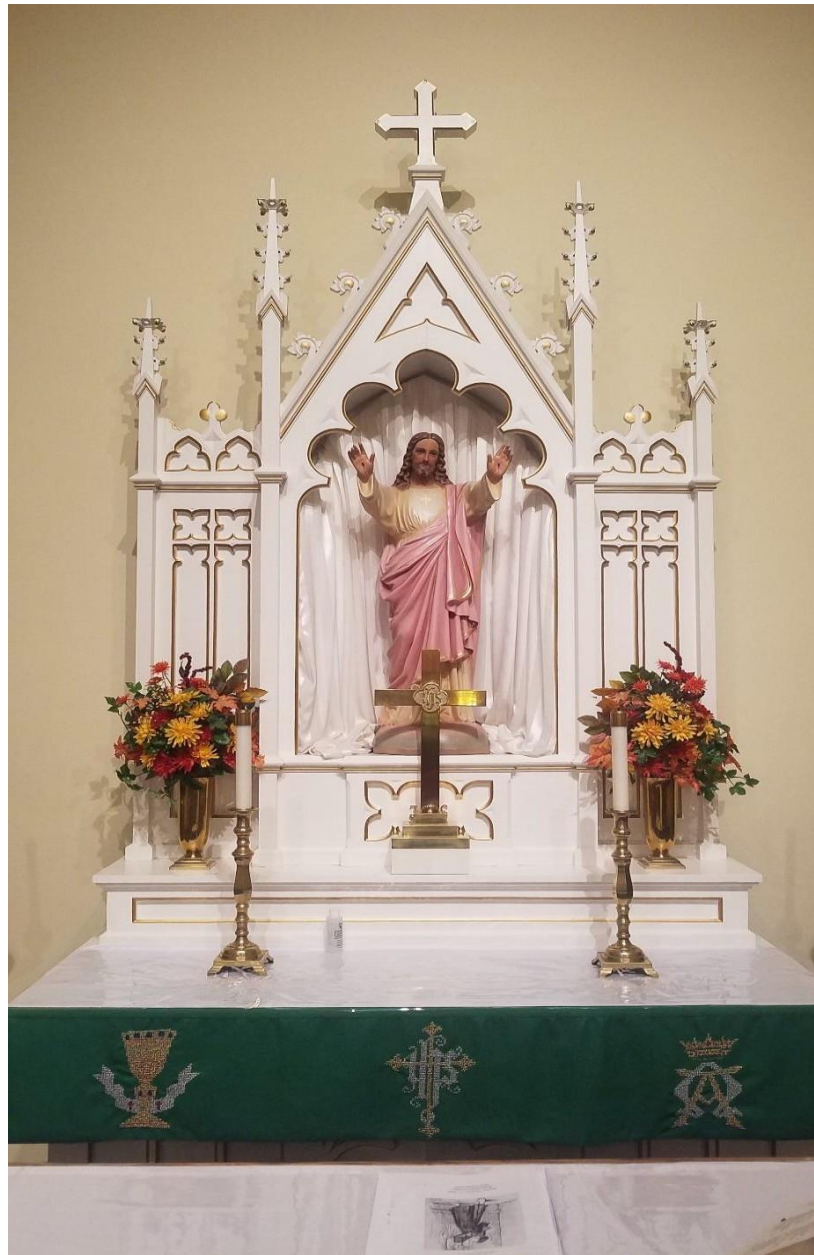
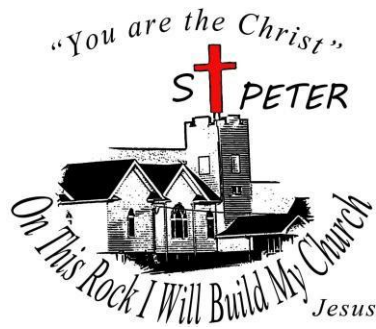


# ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



MONTHLY MESSENGER  
APRIL 2026



*St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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**\*COUNCIL MEMBERS\***

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 309-229-4963

**Rosemary Haynes**  
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 309-369-2670

**Lynne Huey** (Council Secretary)  
 309-369-8376

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 (Council Treasurer)  
 309-339-2295

**Ed Fischer** (Trustee)  
 309-657-3753

**Jim Krusemark** (Trustee)  
 309-264-2406

**Trish Deppermann** (Trustee)  
 309-645-3885

If you have a prayer request, please contact: **Alice Diver @ 309-231-4825**  
 or you may email her at:  
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Or please contact:

**Mary Lou Janssen (S.A.M.) @**  
 309-696-0375

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**\*Text & Email are preferred\***

**\*APRIL EDITION\***

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*Please watch St. Peter Facebook page: St. Peter Lutheran Church ("Like" our page!)*  
*Our website: [www.stpeterlutheranchurch.net](http://www.stpeterlutheranchurch.net), and your emails for any updates on activities.*

If you would like to add something to the monthly messenger or weekly bulletin, please call or text our church Secretary Aletta at: 309-620-3731 or you may email me at:  
[stpetersecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stpetersecretary@yahoo.com)

Weekly bulletin notice deadline is:  
**Wednesdays by 9am**  
 Monthly Messenger deadline is:  
**The 21st of the month**

# PASTOR'S NOTES

## CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE AND SYLLABUS

**DATES: JANUARY–APRIL 2026**

SUBJECT 1: LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM  
SUBJECT 2: BAPTISM

**Pastor Ray's phone number  
309-229-4963  
Cathy's phone number  
309-229-1635**

### NOTES:

1.] PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION, A PERSON MUST BE BAPTIZED. SO, A 'SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM' WILL BE ARRANGED FOR EACH PERSON IN THIS CONFIRMATION CLASS WHO HAS NOT BEEN BAPTIZED.

MY THANKS TO ALL.  
**PASTOR RAY**

Confirmation Calendar Update:  
**Last class is April 19<sup>th</sup>!**

### Holy Week Services

#### Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday services with communion will be held at St. Peter's on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Glasford Methodist Church will be joining us.

#### Good Friday

Combined Good Friday services will be held April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Glasford United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday

Join us for Easter services on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Invite your family and friends as we celebrate our risen Lord and Savior.



# Church Council Meeting Minutes March 17, 2026

Respectfully Submitted By: Lynne Huey, Church Council Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by council President, Rosemary Haynes.

- In Attendance: Rosemary Haynes, Trish Deppermann, Ed Fischer, Lynne Huey, Jim Krusemark, Joan Scott, and Michele Voss.
- Motion was made, seconded, and carried accepting the February 11, 2026, meeting minutes.
- Motion was made, seconded, and carried accepting the February 11, 2026, treasurer's report.
- Motion was made, seconded, and carried accepting the March 17, 2026, Building Maintenance report.
- Ed has received a bid for new doors for narthex entrance.
- Wireless thermostats have been purchased and installed in upper room, Sunday School office, and basement.
- Ed is working on scheduling the handrail extension upgrade in narthex.

## Committee Reports:

- **Parish Education-** The last confirmation class is April 19. The Sunday School Easter egg hunt will be held March 29 on Palm Sunday.
- **Evangelism-** A meeting is scheduled to plan for future events.
- **WELCA** – The SOS luncheon will be held on April 11, 2026. The WELCA Pound Sale and general meeting will be April 26, 2026, at 3:00.
- **Cemetery-** The chain link fence is gone. A majority of the posts are gone.
- **Memorials** – A subcommittee of council members will be meeting to make recommendations to council about the future use of memorial funds and updating the memorial plaque.
- Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the committee reports.

## Old Business:

- Trish Deppermann will be taking two St. Peter records books to Leonard's Book Binding Service for repair.
- A gift card will be given to Pastor Barclay in appreciation for leading the Lenten Bible Focus Group at St. Peter.

## New Business:

- St. Peter and Glasford Methodist will hold combined services at St. Peter Church on Maundy Thursday at 7:00. St. Peter and Glasford Methodist will hold combined services on Good Friday at Glasford United Methodist Church at 7:00. Easter service will be held at St. Peter on April 5, 2026.
- Motion was made, seconded, and carried to use money from special projects fund to purchase 4 trees for the berm area.
- A special thank you to Marian Bonikowske for the gift of the 4 trees.
- A subcommittee of council members will review St. Peter's wedding policy and bring recommendations back to the council for review. Last revisions were made in 2013.
- Rosemary reported that there is rot damage to the church sign at Lancaster and HC blacktop.
- Spring cleanup is scheduled for April 18 at 8:00 a.m.
- A thank you note was received from Lutheran Disaster Response.
- The Synod Assembly is June 6, 2026.
- Trish will send a card to Pastor Lisa Dietrich who is retiring from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Peoria.
- Glasford's Senior Citizen Center is asking for donations.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Monthly Messenger Report 2026		February
<b>Regular Checking</b>		
	Beginning Balance	\$96,506.24
	Income	\$14,147.96
	Expenses	\$22,855.46
	Ending Balance	\$87,798.74
<b>Social Ministry</b>		
	Beginning Balance	\$324.13
	Income	\$0.00
	Expenses	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$324.13
<b>Regular Savings</b>		
	Beginning Balance	\$14,611.81
	Income	\$0.00
	Expenses	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$14,611.81
<b>Education Fund</b>		
	Beginning Balance	\$4,769.60
	Income	\$125.00
	Expenses	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$4,894.60
<b>Local Benevolence</b>		
	Beginning Balance	\$627.39
	Income	\$57.13
	Expenses	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$684.52
<b>LP &amp; Insurance</b>		
	Beginning Balance	\$9,152.22
	Income	\$2,860.00
	Expenses	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$12,012.22
<b>Special Projects</b>		
	Beginning Balance	\$10,270.81
	Income	\$0.00
	Expenses	\$3,385.00
	Ending Balance	\$6,885.81
<b>LP &amp; Insurance - Busey CD</b>		
	2/15/26 Beginning Balance	\$32,980.28
	Income	\$771.24
	Expenses	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$33,751.52
	<i>Matures on 7/15/26</i>	
<b>Wilma Sutton Inheritance - Busey CD</b>		
	1/27/26 Balance	\$16,056.96
	Interest	\$373.74
	Withdrawal	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$16,430.70
	<i>Maturing on 8/17/26</i>	
<b>Cking &amp; Svgs Trans - Morton Comm CD</b>		
	12/31/25 Balance	\$175,000.00
	Income	\$32,255.64
	Ending Balance	\$207,255.64
	<i>Matures on 4/16/26</i>	
<b>Auto Owners Annuity (Sutton)</b>		
	Accumulated value as of 1/1/25	\$53,209.60
	Income	\$2,128.39
	Accumulated value as of 12/31/25	\$55,337.99

# Feb. 26' Financials

## Building Fund Report March 17, 2026

### Financials

#### Checking Account

Beginning Balance \$5700.68  
Expenses \$0.00  
Deposits \$476.76  
Ending Balance \$6177.44

#### Savings Account

Beginning Balance \$11,137.95  
Interest Received \$2.81  
Ending Balance \$11,140.76

#### Pedez Memorial Monies:

#### CD's

#### Busey Bank (rate 3.25%)

Maturity date 07-13-2026 \$60,343.40

#### Pedez Memorial Annuity:

#### Country Financial (rate 3.95%)

Maturity Date 07-07-2026 \$65,210.42

#### Activities

Met with McLean County Glass for bid on new doors for narthex

Wireless thermostats purchased and installed in upper room, Sunday School office and basement.

Contacted Ritthaller Metal Fabrication to begin handrail upgrade in narthex.

Working on scheduling.



**CEMETERY FINANCIALS:**

**Feb-26**

**Cemetery Checking**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$20,154.59</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$170.46</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$20,325.05</b>

We do not remove names from Prayer list unless requested by the individual or family. Thank you

**~ Strength & Healing Concerns~**

**\*PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS\***



Pam Rabe	Judy Livingston	Pat Janssen	Bill Juraco
Phyllis Fischer	Mary Lou Nannen	Judy Wyss	Virginia Mahan
Richard Sathoff	Carl Satterlee	Dave Kroepel	Linda Meyer
Grant Blaza	Doug Rabe	Alice Lopez	Marsha Shafer
Bobby Creamer	Becky Pfahl	Brenda Hyneman	Rita Scott
Karen Randle	Mason Deppermann	Travis Riekena	Julie Scott

**And All Soldiers Serving Our Country**

Thank you all for your prayers and cards over the last 15 months. On December 26, 2025, we received wonderful new of God's healing power/strength after the stem cell transplant process that the cancer was in remission. Thanks to God and the power of prayer! While in remission, the treatment protocol going forward is for ongoing maintenance medications plus monthly check ups and a chemo injection. While it has been an involved 15 months for us, we have experienced God's hands of healing, strength, comfort and peace daily. Again, thank you all for your prayers and cards.

Greg Strickfaden

**Our**

3 yr olds – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade -  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades -  
 7<sup>th</sup>–High School  
 LYO -  
 Adult Class

**Staff**

Sharon Phelps  
 Alice Diver & Amber Darrow  
 Heather Harmon  
 Amber Darrow & Crystal Elliott  
 Various Leaders





# HELPING HANDS

## READERS

5<sup>th</sup> – Greg Strickfaden  
12<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Rosenbohm  
19<sup>th</sup> – Colleen Juraco  
26<sup>th</sup> - LYO

## ALTAR GUILD

Trish Deppermann

## KITCHEN WATCH:

Volunteers

## PIANIST/ORGANIST:

Linda Garmon  
Marilyn Strickfaden  
Alice Lopez

## Communion Assistants:

15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Trish Deppermann  
Bobbie Dean  
Colleen Juraco

## GREETERS & USHERS:

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY – COUNCIL  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY – LADIES'  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY – GENTS'  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – VOLUNTEERS  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – LYO

## ~ ST. PETER HAPPENINGS ~

Wed. April 1<sup>st</sup> – WATCH OUT FOR THE TRICKSTERS!!

Happy April Fool's Day!

Thur. April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday

7pm Combined Services with GUMC @ St. Peter

Fri. April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday

7pm Combined Services with GUMC @ Glasford UMC

Sun. April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday

Communion Sunday

Church Basement Reserved – Diver Family

Wed. April 8<sup>th</sup> – 9am Sewing

6pm Council Meeting

Sat. April 11<sup>th</sup> – SOS Luncheon

Sun. April 12<sup>th</sup> – Non-Communion Sunday

Sat. April 18<sup>th</sup> – Spring Clean-Up begins @ 8am

Sun. April 19<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday

Sun. April 26<sup>th</sup> – Non-Communion Sunday

WELCA Pound Sale and General Meeting @ 3pm



~ APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES ~

Paula Smith - 4/1
Marsha Shafer - 4/2
Danny Vaughn - 4/6
Steve Pille - 4/7
Staphani Schafer - 4/8
Emily Lettow - 4/9
Ember Davis - 4/10
Allen Fischer - 4/11
Terry Merrick - 4/12
Roy Swearingen - 4/14
Mike Rabe - 4/16
Ada Skolaski - 4/19
Nathan Pille - 4/20
Alisa Crank - 4/21
Stan Vincent - 4/22
Torie Rynearson - 4/22
Sandy Gordon - 4/24
Charles Predmore - 4/24
Kourtney Graham - 4/27
Hayden Deppermann - 4/27
Bobbie Dean - 4/28
Beau Deppermann - 4/28



Matt & Cory Fluga	Apr. 1st
Ron & Mary Lou Janssen	Apr. 4th
Del & Penny Nannen	Apr 6th
Arlan & Martie Janssen	Apr. 11th
Ed & Leslie Fischer	Apr. 19th
Steve & Debbie Belfield	Apr. 27th
Russell & Lisa Sathoff	Apr. 30th
Roy & Diane Swearingen	Apr. 30th

**Cemetery Spring Cleaning** - Mowing season is quickly approaching and it's time to clear the cemetery of any winter flowers or blankets that you may want to keep; otherwise, they will be disposed of. Any flowers that are in vases or hanging from shepherd hooks may stay; we just need to clear anything from the ground.

All ground decorations need to be removed by April 1. New decorations may be placed starting May 1.

**Thanks, Cemetery Committee.**

Tickets for the SOS Luncheon are available after worship. Price is \$15. The gathering time is 11:30, lunch at 12:00 and the speaker at 1:00 on April 11th. Invite a friend to a fun gathering.

### **Church Clean-up Day**

Church clean-up day will be Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Many hands make light work!

### **Bishop Busboom's Visit – April 26th**

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Busboom will be visiting our church on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. – Meet and Greet with Bishop Busboom in the Upper Room. Refreshments will be served and the bishop will be answering some question we may have.
- 10:00 a.m. - Bishop Busboom will preside over our church service that will include Holy Communion.
- 11:15 a.m. Church Council will meet briefly with Bishop Busboom in the Upper Room

#### **Here is a little history about Bishop Busboom**

Bishop Busboom served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Carthage, Illinois from 1999-2007, the Pastor of Outreach and Discipleship at St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield, Illinois from 2007-2011, and the Lead Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield, Illinois from 2011-2023. He was elected bishop of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod in June 2023.

Bishop Busboom has been married to his wife, Maressa, for 27 years. Maressa is an R.N., B.S.N. who works as a school nurse at Rochester Elementary School. They have three children. Emma is a graduate student in elementary education at the University of Illinois in Springfield. Luke is a senior at Saint Louis University, majoring in public health. Liam is a 7th grader at Glenwood Middle School in Chatham.

Bishop Busboom enjoys good food, good music, and a good book.

#### **Questions for Bishop Busboom**

What is the one question you would like to ask Bishop Busboom? If you have that question, I'm sure others do also. During the Meet and Greet, the bishop will be glad to answer questions we have. To make the best use of our time, if you could send me your question by April 19th, I will get them to the bishop. You can give them to me at church, e-mail to [Rosemaryhaynes@gmail.com](mailto:Rosemaryhaynes@gmail.com) or give me a call at 309-360-5174. Thanks – Rosemary

## WELCA HAPPENINGS

### Fabric Kits

Sewing is a valuable skill, one that leads to a reliable income for many women and men. Fabric Kits supply vocational training programs with fabric for teaching sewing, and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing business.

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN EACH FABRIC KIT:

Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:

- - 2 ¼ yards of 60” wide fabric, or
    - 3 yards of 44” wide fabric, or
    - 4 yards of 36” wide fabric
  - Two spools of matching or neutral-colored general-purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- Cash donations are okay.. please contact Renee Diver @ 309-264-1460 for any questions.

### January thru May:

Non-Perishable food items for St. John’s Food Pantry and Personal Care Kit Items:

- Light weight bath towels (dark color) (20”x40”)
- Bars of Bath Soap
- Sturdy Combs
- Adult Toothbrushes
- Nail Clippers

If you would like, Sharon Benson will do the shopping for you if you would rather. Just let her know!  
Thanks!

~ Thank You ~

Thank you so much for the cookies and thinking of me, my friends and I at school are enjoying them!  
Reese Cruitt

### Thanks to our Friends at the Methodist Church

A special thanks to Pastor Marty and our friends at the Glasford United Methodist Church for hosting the Lenten evening meal and services this year. Those of us who attended enjoyed going through the Max Lucado book “He Chose the Nails.” We didn’t get to finish the book, so we will be going back on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to continue on.

### Special Thank you to Pastor Barclay

We had a great group attend the Wednesday morning Focus Group during the Lenten season. We explored the “I Am” statements of Jesus from the book of John. Special thanks to Pastor Barclay for organizing this group. We appreciate you Pastor Barclay and we also appreciate your trusty driver, Cathy!