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GIVE THANKS! November, 2025

November is a month of transition. The weather continues to move toward winter. The time changes on November 2nd at 2:00am [turn your clock BACK one hour.] November 2nd is also our All Saints worship service. It's the day we give thanks for all the saints 'who from their labors rest,' who have fought the good fight. We are reminded that in holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. [from Sundays and Seasons]

Please submit to the office the names of loved ones who entered the church triumphant since last All Saints Day. We will remember these loved ones during worship on November 2nd. November 23rd is Christ the King Sunday and it's the last Sunday of the church year. We will leave the year of Luke's gospel and return to the gospel of Matthew. On this Sunday we will compare our image of an earthly king with the way in which Christ is our king. Christ does not use force and violence. Instead, Christ is a servant who gives his life for us. Christ doesn't inflict punishment on those who would harm him but instead asks that they be forgiven. [Sundays and Seasons]

The 419 Youth will meet at Bethlehem near Okolona to shop for Project Noel.

If you've never read the children's story *The Tale of Three Trees*, by Angela Elwell Hunt 1989, this might be the year to do so. The three trees have grand dreams for what they might become. Instead, they are saddened when the first tree is made into a feed box, the second into a fishing boat, and the third tree is used for a cross. I encourage you to read this heart-warming story of transformation.

The day of Thanksgiving is late this year – November 27th. Our Thanksgiving Even worship will be on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00pm. No catechism or Family Faith Fest will take place that evening.

November 30th is Advent 1 and it will be the baptism of Meadow Baden.

St. Peter is participating in Christmas in Ridgeville/Porches and Pews on Saturday, December 6th. Our theme this year is Angels Abound. We will have angel crafts to make and snacks to eat. Help is needed for the craft, the snack and to greet people when they arrive. Let's celebrate our presence in this community since 1904 by welcoming the participants into our house – of worship that is.

I give thanks for all of you who lead a life of dedicated service to the Lord. Without you, St. Peter Lutheran Church would be just another building along Route 6. With you, we are able to give our thanks and praise to God our Father for all our blessings. To God be all the glory, Pastor Mindy

Pastor Mindy may be reached at 419-906-2888 [cell] or email: prmindy@rtecexpress.net



OUTREACH: Hygiene Pantry Update

Hygiene Pantry distribution will be Monday, November 17th from 4:30 -5:45PM.



Join us for coffee, conversation, and lunch every Wednesday from 10:00am until about 11:30. Everyone is welcome.

Please do not forget to set your clocks back. Standard Time begins on Sunday, November 2nd.

Cleaning Teams

November 2nd – Team 4

November 9th – Team 1

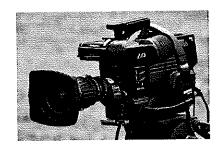
November 16th – Team 1

November 23rd- Team 2

November 30th - Team 2

December 7th- Team 3





Video Schedule

November 2nd- Brooke
November 9th – Sharon/Sam
November 16th- Donna
November 23rd- Connor
November 30th- Brooke



November Birthdays

4- Garrett Stamm
Sue Gerken

5- Saegan Ruffer Pastor Mindy Elliott

7-Olivia Miller

8- Pam Miller

11- Carolyn Arps

19- Titus Frey

20- Steve Spangler Reagan Wendt

23- Dave Hancock

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24- Chris VonDeylen



Family Faith Fest is on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 - 7:30 PM.

Sunday School Classes are on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM

Congratulations to our Confirmands:

Zacary Michael Bergstedt Samantha Jo Hancock Audree Ann Plassman Grady Eli Stamm

Church Council Minutes for Tuesday October 7, 2025

Council Members Present: Roger Miller, Brad Wachtman, Matt Eggers, Jamie Kerr, Sandy Andres, Brandon Miller, Steve Spangler and Pastor Mindy.

Pastor opened with prayer; Jamie read the minutes from the September 9th meeting. Steve made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Brad.

Old Business: Grady Stamm, Samantha Hancock, Audree Plassman and Zac Bergstedt were confirmed on October 26th.

The 419 Youth Group had its 1st meeting on September 28th at Bethlehem Okolona with 15 youth attending from the area churches.

New Business:

Matt reports the budget is still down for the year.

Church cleaning of the upstairs will take place sometime in January; there will be a sign-up sheet with jobs that need completed at your convenience.

Grant money from Castle Project was given to SAM supervisors at the September 15th meeting.

Pastor will be meeting with Dave Wachtman and Kelly Weber once a week during their 1st year of service. Kelly would like to preach once a month, her invitation to service will be after the December Synod council meeting. Bishop Daniel has given her provisional authorization for St Peter and churches in the Maumee Valley Conference. The Maumee Conference met in September and discussed the possibilities for partnerships within the conference.

In November The 419 Youth Group shopping from Project Noel will take place that includes 50-60 families.

The registration for the mission trip in 2026 to Niagara Falls is open, there are 12 spots available and filling quickly. It will go from June 7-12.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve; seconded by Brad.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Minutes submitted by Jamie Kerr

Church History

1945-Bible Study Hours were held on Tuesday evenings in the school room beginning at 8:00PM.

Thanksgiving Day services were held at 9:00AM (German) and 10:00AM (English). The special offering of \$80.12 was received for the Lutheran Orphans' and Old Folks' Homes in Toledo.

1955-Our Annual Advent Family Night was held on November 27th in the Legion Hall. A potluck supper was served at 6:30 with entertainment, including movies, following.

1965- James Ludeman and Evelyn Schneider were united in marriage on Saturday, November 13th.

The members of the 1966 Confirmation Class were special guests of the Seniors at the November meeting. The film "Martin Luther" was shown.

1975-The Luther League had a bake sale at the Post Office with proceeds going to the church's roof fund.

High School youth from St. Peter and Zion presented some Advent Chancel Dramas during the mid-week Advent services.

1985- A Night at the Movies was sponsored by AAL Branch 1721 at St. Peter. Films for all ages and popcorn and punch were served.

We served 165 people at our Soup & Pie Dinner and raised over \$600.00 for the Filling Home.

1995- Lutheran Social Services made a quilt to hang in their Conference Room in recognition of their shared ministry with the 53 churches in Williams, Fulton, Defiance, Henry and Paulding Counties. Each church was represented on a square. Deb Fedderke made the square for St. Peter.

2005-Advent Family Night was held on November 20th with a potluck dinner and crafts for everyone.

The Sunday School council purchased a new Christmas tree for the church.

2015- The annual Soup & Pie Dinner had a profit of \$283.00 plus the full \$250.00 seed money from Thrivent. It was used to purchase supplies for the Filling Home.

