

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 3	Healing Rooms Town of Wyoming Meeting	6:30 pm 7 pm
Aug. 4	Ladies Aid	12 pm
Aug. 8	Worship Fellowship Time	9 am 10 am
Aug. 10	Men's Group Quilters	8:30 am 9 am
Aug. 11	24/7 Bible Study	5 pm
Aug. 15	Worship Fellowship Time	9 am 10 am
Aug. 17	Men's Group Quilters Healing Rooms	8:30 am 9 am 6:30 pm
Aug. 22	Elder's Meeting Worship Fellowship Time	7:30 am 9 am 10 am
Aug. 24	Men's Group Quilters	8:30 am 9 am
Aug. 25	24/7 Bible Study	5 pm
Aug. 29	Worship Fellowship Time	9 am 10 am
Aug. 31	Men's Group Quilters	8:30 am 9 am



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"Hear that? People in heaven have
ever-laughing life."

St. Peter's Proverbs



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A Message from Pastor Janice



Dear friends in Christ,
 As we find our 'new normal' post-COVID shutdown, I rejoice as we are able to gather together as fellow believers more and more:

- For worship all together at one 9 am service on Sundays
- For post-worship fellowship/ coffee hour
- River of God Healing Rooms are open again the first and third Tuesday of each month.
- For Vacation Bible School

This fall will bring more opportunities to gather:

- Wednesday night Confirmation (middle-school) group
- Wednesday night Bible study (post-Confirmation age group—which means anyone from 15 to 95!)
- Sunday School and Sunday Worship!

How will you continue or re-start gathering with your fellow believers here at St. Peter's?

As you consider that, consider this: ***What do you want right now from your church community?***

WE ARE the church.

The church isn't the place you come to get your faith built up or to get your kids faith built up or to do your religious duty.

The church is a community, an organism—not an organization.

The church consists of all of us gathering together in the presence of God and connecting with each others' lives. That gathering and connecting with each other is part of the process of connecting more deeply with God and allowing Him to work in us and through us.

So I ask you to reflect on how we can BE THE CHURCH together.

We don't want to just 'DO CHURCH,' but BE THE CHURCH.

QUESTIONS I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER IN

YOUR REFLECTION: [CHECK AS MANY AS APPLY]

What do you want right now from your church community?

- To feel like I belong and am accepted
- To get coaching/ support in my walk with God
- To teach me more about God, faith, the Bible

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We have open dates available for Fellowship Hour. If you, a group, family, etc. would like to sign up for a date contact Jackie via phone at 715-754-2690 or email stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com. Fellowship time is immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service and consists of donuts, bars, cookies or whatever you would like to serve and beverage.



The Marion Food Pantry is in need of canned fruit and soup or any non-perishable food items. Wants are laundry soap. Items may be dropped off at church or at the House of Hope in Marion. Due to COVID please call Pat Leach at 715-754-2665 to arrange a drop off.



Money Raised for Children's Hospital

Guess whose jar had the most money and who ended up going in the dunk tank first? If you guessed Shawn Peebles, you are right! Shawn's jar had \$310.52 and was matched with \$300 donate by Pete & Cindy Fannin for a total of \$610.52. Total amount collected minus expenses was \$1,016.55. Thank you to all who contributed to make this a huge success. The monies were donated to Children's Hospital in memory of Nash Schachtschneider.



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- To find my place/ role in building up others' faith
- Nothing! I'm getting what I need from my church community right now.
- I want more in my faith walk and/or I want more from my church community, BUT...
- I'm busy and don't have time to engage in anything more that the church community offers.
- Fear of the unknown, of trying something new
- I don't think I have much to offer others.

If you are willing, I would love to have you share your reflections with me!
Yours in Christ, *Pastor Janice*

2021 Car Show a Success

The 2021 Car Show is in the books and was a huge success according to the Iola Car Show office with 121,500 people in attendance over the three day period.

Thank you to Pete Fannin and Shorty Miller for all their work during the car show and to all the volunteers who showed up each day to help. According to Pete we had 68 adults and 6 children who put in a total of 385 hours.

Mark your calendars for July 7, 8, 9, 2022. Volunteering for this show is always a good time. And what better way to have fun!

2021 Monthly Budget at a Glance Budgeted 2021 \$147,639.36

Needed each Month	June Income Received	June Expenses	June Net Income
\$12,303.28	\$7,589.18	\$10,441.63	-\$ (2,852.45)

2021 Year to Date Budget at a Glance

Budgeted Thru June	Income Received	Expenses	Net Income
\$73,819.68	\$53,539.45	\$63,074.17	-\$ (9,534.72)

A Message from Pastor Kay

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

It's a tough world. The devil, our fallen world, a self-centered and materialistic culture, all are having a powerful effect on all of the population, and nowhere is this more evident than among young people.

As adults, our best intentions in working with youth are not good enough. Ultimately, the battle for the hearts, minds and souls of people is spiritual. One thing I've learned in youth ministry is that I just don't have the means to win that battle. There is nothing I can do to ensure a young person will turn from the lures of this world and toward Jesus. But God can! I pray often for young people. I pray for the youth in the world. I pray for the young people in our church. I pray for the children in my family. I implore God to counteract the negative pulls of this world. Programs, plans, mission statements and activities on a human level have little effect. But when we humbly bow and ask for God's intervention, awesome things begin to happen.

It is important for our children to hear us pray. It is important for them to hear us pray for them. As we model prayer, they begin to see that talking to God is something they can do. Some of the most powerful and inspiring prayers I've ever heard have come from children.

Impressing other humans is not the purpose of prayer. But I will admit I've eavesdropped on prayers of young people. I had the privilege of listening in on prayers of a group of teenager boys at lock-in years ago. I've heard younger children as well. One after another, they open their hearts to God, sharing the challenges they face in their schools, neighborhoods and families. Tears come to my eyes as I listen to these remarkable, heartfelt prayers of God's precious children. If they are concerned about how they sounded in front of each other, I cannot tell it. It sounds as if they are all alone with their God!



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Regardless of whether we are working with/parenting/or watching them grow in church—children, preteens, adolescents or college students, prayer should be central to our lives. In fact, would you mind pausing now and praying for some young person that you know? Why not go to the Source of all power, wisdom and glory to ask for help for the wonderful young people that he has put before us? Why not now?

Have a blessed rest of the summer, *Pastor Kay*

