

## OCTOBER CALENDAR Continued

Oct. 24	Sunday School Worship	9 am 10:30 am
Oct. 26	Men's Group Quilters Pastors Drop-in Hours	8:30 am 9 am 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Oct. 27	24/7 Bible Study Confirmation & Isaiah Bible Study	5 pm 6:30 pm
Oct. 31	Sunday School Worship	9 am 10:30 am



### Birthdays

Karin Koepfel	Oct. 2
Kristi Stedjee	Oct. 2
Mason Draeger	Oct. 3
Heather Haacker	Oct. 3
Asherrie Opperman	Oct. 3
Richard Madson	Oct. 4
Nancy Morris	Oct. 6
Glenn Davids	Oct. 15
Joe Stuhr	Oct. 15
Ralph Baumann	Oct. 17
Owen Orvedahl	Oct. 20
Larry Burghduff	Oct. 23
Stanley Phillips	Oct. 25
Beverly Stolz	Oct. 25
Stella Koepfel	Oct. 27
Tiffany Bestul	Oct. 28

### Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets have been posted on the kiosk in the Welcome Area for Fellowship Times, Users and your favorite song.

Fellowship time is immediately following the worship service and consists of donuts, bars, cookies or whatever you would like to serve and beverage. An individual, family or group are encouraged to participate.

We are in need of ushers for the remainder of this year and into 2022. This consists of handing out Announcement Bulletins and offering.

Do you have a favorite song that you haven't heard in awhile? Feel free to write it on the sheet that is posted so it can be included in the worship service.



### Food Pantry Needs

The Marion Food Pantry is in need of cereal and soup or any non-perishable food items. Wants are toilet paper. 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.



# St. Peter's Proverbs



## St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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"Alive  
in the Spirit"



## A Message from Pastor Janice



Dear friends in Christ,

It is fall, a time of beginnings in the rhythms of our daily lives: we are harvesting our gardens and fields and prepping for winter; students are back at school; our Sunday School and Wednesday night Confirmation programs at St. Peter's have begun again.

And—wonderful news!—COVID-related restrictions on gathering have been eased and it is possible to gather again as a congregation in the ways we're used to enjoying.

But those old familiar rhythms of connection have been disrupted for a year and a half. And we have to work to re-establish them!

The main point of connection we have with many of our members of St. Peter's is through the weekly rhythm of Sunday worship. I have so missed being able to gather and connect with 'everyone' on Sundays and pray that all of you will re-establish that rhythm in your life. It's easy to sit home and participate in the worship service by watching on Facebook but when you do so consistently, you're robbing me and the other members of St. Peter's worshipping family of the opportunity to see you, connect with you—which is so incredibly valuable! You matter! We want to see you, gather with you, connect with you, as we gather to worship God together.

I'm talking about **RYTHMS OF CONNECTION** here. Not rigid rules (like: 'I must attend worship every Sunday'), but daily, weekly, monthly rhythms of connecting with God, with our church family, with other believers.

Attending weekly Sunday worship is only one of the several **rhythms of connection with God and other believers** that we can cultivate. Others include:

Establishing a rhythm of connection for our kids by bringing them for Sunday School or Wednesday Confirmation.

Attending a small group or Bible study (there are a couple of these on -going; or you can start one!—talk to me if this interests you).

Connecting with God personally in a daily rhythm of prayer and Bible reading (again—I can help with resources, coaching; let me know!)

As far as connecting one-on-one with me, I'm happy to be able to re-establish a **rhythm of (possible) connection that I like to call 'DROP-IN HOURS.'**

TUESDAYS

9:30 am -12:30 pm

at St. Peter's

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 2	Youth Breakfast Gilligan's Christmas Rehearsal	9-10:30 am 7 pm
Oct. 3	Sunday School Worship	9 am 10:30 am
Oct. 5	Men's Group Quilters Pastors Drop-in Hours Town of Wyoming Meeting	8:30 am 9 am 9:30 am-12:30 pm 7 pm
Oct. 6	Ladies Aid Pastor's Drop-in Hours Confirmation w/Family Meal Isaiah Bible Study	12 pm 5-6:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm
Oct. 9	VDC Training Pastors Drop in Hours @ River of God Healing Rooms-Marion	8 am-4 pm 9 am-Noon
Oct. 10	Sunday School (Pie in Face Contest) Worship (Noisy Can Offering & Baptism) Trustees	9 am 10:30 am 11:30 am
Oct. 12	Men's Group Quilters Pastors Drop-in Hours	8:30 am 9 am 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Oct. 13	24/7 Bible Study Confirmation & Isaiah Bible Study	5 pm 6:30 pm
Oct. 15	Wild Game Feed Set-up	
Oct. 16	Wild Game Feed	5 pm
Oct. 17	Sunday School Worship	9 am 10:30 am
Oct. 19	Men's Group Quilters Pastors Drop-in Hours	8:30 am 9 am 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Oct. 20	Pastors Drop-in Hours Confirmation & Isaiah Bible Study	5-6:30 pm 6:30 pm
Oct. 23	VDC Training Pastors Drop-in Hours @ River of God Healing Rooms-Marion	8 am-4 pm 9 am-Noon

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## Pastor Janice's Drop-In Hours

### Tuesdays

9:30 am-12:30 pm

At St. Peter's

### 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

5-6:30 pm

At St. Peter's

### 2nd & 4th Saturdays

9 am-Noon

River of God Healing Rooms

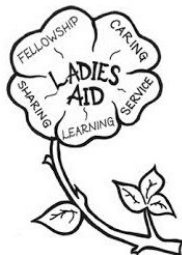
113 N. Main St., Marion

## Ladies Aid Card Party a Success



The first card party sponsored by the Ladies Aid was a success with 49 women coming to play cards. The afternoon started out with a luncheon served by the Ladies Aid, followed by card playing and ended with the distribution of door prizes. Thank you to all those who

volunteered to make a salad, dessert (or both). Also those who helped by setting up, serving the luncheon and clean-up.



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1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY 5:00-6:30 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY 9:00 am to noon

at St. Peter's

at River of

God Healing Rooms,

113 N Main St, Marion

The River of God Healing Rooms are a beautiful, prayerful space. Do drop in for prayerful conversation, to be prayed for or to be coached in how to pray!

As ever, just stop by if you want to chat. **But if it's urgent or deeply important, please call first.** This schedule I'm setting for myself may change without notice (because a funeral or other unscheduled need has arisen).

Here's to re-connecting with God and each other!

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Janice*

## Crack Filling Parking Lot

The parking lot is in need of crack filling. In order to offset the cost of this we had two items that were auctioned on Sunday, Sept. 26. The sunset picture was purchased by Joe and Missy Stuhr and the angel tapestry was purchased by Nancy Heiman. The total for both items was \$205. Thank you to Joe and Missy and Nancy for your contribution towards this project.

Since Sunday there has been an anonymous donation to pay for the remainder of the cost for the crack filling. Thank you to the anonymous donors for this generation donation.

## Wild Game Feed

The Men's Ministry Wild Game Feed will be held Saturday, Oct. 16. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the meal being served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and only 108 tickets will be sold. See Pete Fannin or Dave Schmidt to purchase tickets.



## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to Pastor Kay for taking over the reigns for

Operation Christmas Child and a huge "Thank You" to Suzanne Miller and family for the years they handled this worthy project!

The Sunday school has started taking donations to go toward Operation Christmas Child. Now through October 10 there are jars located in the Great Room for donations. The one with the most donations will get a pie thrown in their face on October 10 at 10:15 a.m. after Sunday school and before worship! Vote now and often for: Big Brian Knight, Lizz Enoch, Larry Burghduff, Bailey Opperman, Jackson Brady, Joey Enoch or Kay Knight. The kids of the Sunday school will also be able to buy raffle tickets for \$1 each on the October 10 to see who gets to throw the pie at the "winner".

Proceeds will go to fill shoe boxes. There will also be an opportunity for members to fill individual shoe boxes. Watch for more information.

## A Message from Pastor Kay

### Dear friends in Christ, Embracing Stability

One thing that I think youth workers are really good at is embracing change. We are trained to watch trends in culture, and we're always attempting to adapt. Look at how quickly we embraced social media, and began using it to better our communication with our students.

While the rest of the church has to lead a congregation of adults who may be resistant to change, we are fortunate to work with students, who in this day and age are constantly watching the world change before them...(Zoom meeting anyone?) It was proven this fall when planning with mentors, and what was looked at as a challenge for the adults was a simple "adjustment" to the kid.

These are all good things when you are trying to bring about healthy change in your ministry but...Recently while listening to a middle-schooler tell me about his life; I realized that more of his life had been about change than about consistency. I walked away from that conversation challenged to re-think my love of change. Maybe what he needed from me wasn't my adaptability to changing times but rather my stability.



How do we embrace stability while maintaining relevancy?

1. **Make it about relationships.** We ask our adult leaders to make a commitment of at least one year in Sunday school and three years in confirmation. We believe that only when adults show up consistently in a life of a student does it matter what they are saying or even how they say it. Relationships matter. I've been at this church for years now, I am getting up there in age but my students know I love them and am committed to them...which matters a whole lot more than whether or not I know what the latest song is by Cardi B or Megan Thee Stallion.
2. **Clarify your purpose.** If you know why you do what you do... the flashy bright lights might grab your attention for a moment, but you won't lose focus of where you are going. I love shiny objects but if they don't enhance or support our purpose, then I need to learn to walk away. Our entire congregation should be about connecting and growing and not about making a better program. I have finally figured out that it is not the newest game or best graphics. It is doing the things that leads to connection and growing. Clarity leads to stability.

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3. **Repeat, Repeat, Repeat.** If it works, it meets the purpose don't worry that it isn't changing...it's working and it doesn't need to change. You can carry on as usual. That's alright.

Embrace stability and provide a safe place for other members whose whole worlds are constantly changing. We tend to think the life of teens are in constant upheaval, but they are not alone. The world is changing, but we can stand strong on the promises of God and His Word - they don't change. And in some things, we can be the same today, because He has been the same throughout time.  
Have a blessed day! —Kay

### Youth Group Breakfast



The first youth group breakfast will be on Saturday, October 2, from 9-10:30 a.m. Any and all kids 6th-12th grade (don't need to be a member) are welcome to join us for the first meeting of the year. There is so much fun and you get to help plan more fun when you come to these meetings. Come

hungry and bring a friend or two!



### Dinner Show Dates and Times Set

The dates have been finalized for the dinner show and will be held Saturday, November 27, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 28, 1 p.m.. Cost is \$20 each or \$125 for a table of 7.

Volunteers will always be welcomed for stage set up, servers for the meal, clean-up, etc. Call or text Kay Knight, 715-460-2131 or [rascal01@frontiernet.net](mailto:rascal01@frontiernet.net) for more information or to volunteer.



Bob & Brenda Jashinsky,  
Oct. 17, 40 Years

Lee & Jackie Baldwin,  
Oct. 18, 30 Years

Brandon & Sarah Blashe,  
Oct. 18, 24 Years

Jeremy & Brenda Brady  
Oct. 23, 11 Years

Richard & Penny Madson,  
Oct. 24, 40 Years

Nate & Erin Bonikowske,  
Oct. 28, 15 Years

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