



The Anchor

Monthly Newsletter of St. Peter's Lutheran Church



A Message from Pastor

**God is on the move, on the move,
Hallelujah; God is on the move, In many
mighty ways**

**God is on the move, on the move,
Hallelujah; God is on the move, On the
move today**

I begin this month's message with the refrain from a Contemporary Praise Song by a group called **7EVENTH TIME DOWN**. I have become more acquainted with this genre of music as we work on a "Praise" worship service that takes place on Wednesday evenings at 6:30.

The services which began in June are still struggling to attract participation from the community and congregation. These services are not intended to take away from our regular 9:30 worship, rather offer an opportunity for those who haven't been able to join us at 9:30 on Sunday and perhaps to others from the community that can't worship on Sundays.

The "Praise" component of the worship relates to the Music we are using. The service follows the basic form of our Sunday worship in an abbreviated form. We Gather, Listen to the Word, Pray, Share Communion and are Sent. All of that, in around 30 minutes. We have been worshipping in the Outdoor Chapel,

weather permitting, and also in the Sanctuary.

Thank you to those who initially came to experience this service. We are constantly listening to those who are present, hoping to enrich our worship experience. Come check it out!

I hope you enjoyed last month's reminder of what we were busy doing here at St. Peters back in 2007! Our congregation has changed since then. I hear people say that we are so busy in our ministry, with all that we do. I shared that "look back" to highlight the fact that we have always been busy taking care of St. Peters and serving the community. It's what we do!

Worship attendance has been good this summer, considering those who are away and those who are visiting with us. We have participated in the Community Summer Food Insecurity Drive, are now preparing 70+ school backpacks and planning this year's Harvest Festival. The new land-scaping project has begun, and our property committee has been busy painting and modifying our bathrooms along with other projects. You may have noticed the addition of a new 40-ft storage container next to the garage for Yard Sale Storage. This will be a great help for the work of receiving and

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August Wedding Anniversaries

2—Don & Sue Hohn celebrate 57 years
17—Bernie & Hilde Peters celebrate 35 years
17—Amy & Roy Schelin III celebrate 7 years
18—Scott & Sara Schelin celebrate 13 years
20—Cody & Katie Carlson celebrate 4 years

August Birthdays

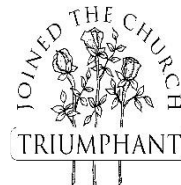
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Karen Trzcinski
4—Doris McGreevy
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6—Grace West
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21—Jay Webster
23—Robin Huzsek
26—Sharon Wren

Gifts Given to St. Peter's

In memory of Barbara Kettering by
Joanne Schelin
Karl Kettering



In honor of Peter Breuer by
Paul & Marge Wenger



Astrid Gilmore, our dear sister and Herb Schmidt, our dear
brother in Christ were recently escorted by Jesus to their place
in the Church Triumphant. We pray for the presence of the Holy
Spirit in the lives of their family and all those who mourn these
wonderful servants in Christ.

*Rest eternal, grant them O Lord and let light perpetual shine
upon them.*

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storing items for the Harvest Festival. It also allows access to the garage, which has been extremely difficult lately! Soon we will be bringing the garage sale items inside and Harvest Festival preparation will be underway.

Bee Lalli turned 100 years old in July and her energy, enthusiasm, faith and love are beyond amazing. We are so blessed to have her as our sister in our St. Peter's family! I have lost track of how many centenarians we have had here at St. Peters but at least three others come to mind before Bee. In such a small congregation that is also amazing!

We expect that the Cell Tower project will begin this fall, after the Harvest Festival. Inspections of the ground, wetlands and other things are currently underway.

I hope that you are all enjoying this Summer season and this beautiful community that we share with all our summer residents and many visitors. Let our light shine! **God is on the move, Hallelujah!**

Pr. Johnson

God Is on the Move 



A Word of Thanks

Dear St. Peter's Congregation,

Thank you so much for the massive wave of food you recently collected for the Feed-A-Kid program. In the hallways of the CAST food pantry, your name is synonymous with compassion. Whether you're gathering essential school supplies, collecting groceries, or assembling those famous and beloved Easter baskets, you have a beautiful gift of bringing joy to local kids.

As our staff and volunteers unpacked this latest donation, we were all taken aback by the generosity. Thank you for always showing up for our youngest neighbors in such a thoughtful, powerful, and deeply felt way.

Warmly,

The Food Relief Team at CAST

Dear St. Peter's Church,

Thank you for your generous gift to the ELCA Good Gifts program. Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed! Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind

Executive for Development



Top left: St. Peter's Acolyte, Melody Hammerle receives a Scholarship.

July 4th Parade et al.



Top left: Pastor & Phyllis' granddaughter, Olivia decorated the holiday tree for July. Bottom right: Canine companion Ryka, Trainer LA, Ghita, Enrique and Hubert on the bottom.



This year's Harvest Festival is scheduled for
Saturday, October 10, 2026 with a rain date of
Monday October 12, 2026

Yard Sale

We are accepting donations of yard sale items such as toys, crafts, small appliances, dishes, furniture, gently used books, etc.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT MATTRESSES, CRIBS, CAR SEATS, CLOTHING, UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE, OR LIQUIDS OF ANY TYPE. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY LARGE ITEMS BEFORE CALLING FIRST TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS HERE TO ASSIST YOU IN WHERE TO PUT THEM. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH IF NO ONE IS HERE TO ACCEPT THEM.

In August we will need volunteers to transport the yard sale items into the building. Once this happens, volunteers will come in daily as their schedule allows to work together to sort and price. Even though it is a lot of work, it is also a lot of fun!

Basket Auction

We are requesting donations of new items for the basket auction such as Restaurant Gift Cards, Baby Items, Pet Items, Specialty Food Items (popular when paired with wine or a gift card to a cheese or kitchen apparel shop), Gift cards to Splish Splash or any family agricultural tour or entertainment venue, Gift cards to any local supermarket or specialty food store, etc. WE DO NOT ACCEPT GLASSWARE OR TEACUPS.

Now is the time to visit your favorite restaurant or specialty shop to ask for a gift certificate for our festival. We depend on our merchants to participate as their generosity makes our baskets very marketable. Please make sure the merchants you visit know that every dollar is donated back into the community. thank you.

Coming up

In September, volunteers will get together for the Apple Pie assembly which includes peeling, slicing and assembling all of the pies, as well as clean up afterwards. The pies will then be stored in the freezer until the day of the festival.

In the early days of October, we'll be asking people to bake items to be sold at the fair. We need as many people as possible to bake a variety of items for this sale.

Also in early October, we'll reach out to those who volunteered for Food Preparation. Under the direction of Peter Breuer, shopping must be done and then preparation of all of the food items to be sold at the festival.



C.A.S.T. Back to School Backpack Drive



It's that time of year! Many stores have already put school supplies on sale. Our church has purchased 72 backpacks. We will be collecting supplies to fill these backpacks. Our goal is to bring in enough supplies to fill all 72 of them.

Below is a list of suggested school supplies. However, anything that is suitable for these backpacks will be accepted.

Crayons	Sharpeners	Folders
Markers	Erasers	Scissors
Colored Pencils	Rulers	1-subject spiral notebooks
#2 Pencils	Glue Sticks	Looseleaf paper
Pencil cases	Composition Books	

If you would like to contribute to this drive but can't shop, you may make a monetary donation—just mark the donation “school supply drive.”



Canine Companion Pupdate

Submitted by Ruthanne Corrazzini



In May, Ghita (*pictured on page 5 of this issue*) transferred to a new trainer for her third semester. Her new trainer has been working with her to retrieve and deliver items into her hand as Ghita tends to want to play with the items she is retrieving! She has learned to tug off socks and gloves. During the Month of May, she had an in-home evaluation and was reported to be easy to manage and responsive to direction. She also learned to turn on light switches with her nose. In June, Ghita expanded the range of doors she can tug open, hold open and close. She is reported to be willing and responding well to encouragement from her handler. They have been working on Ghita holding retrieved items calmly and not playing with them like a toy! Ghita continues to make steady progress and growing confidence in her work. On August 3rd Ghita will be rotating into team training. Beth will be praying for a positive phone call on August 5th when pre-matches will be announced. If Ghita makes a match, graduation will be open to the public on August 14th in Medford with live stream access.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, there are other opportunities such as helping to serve lunch at a Canine Companions Team Training Luncheon. Volunteers are needed to provide either lunch entrees/sides/salads or desserts for these events. The next lunch is scheduled for Monday, August 10th. If you want to donate food, you can bring it to church on Sunday, August 9th. There are sign-up sheets at the Church.



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