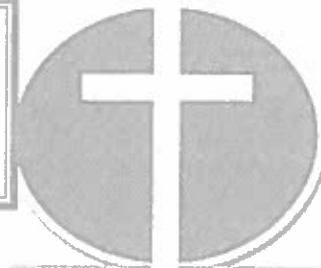


St. Peter Lutheran Church

November Monthly Newsletter



Martin Luther –

“The heart overflows with gladness, and leaps and dances for the joy it has found in God. In this experience the Holy Spirit is active and has taught us in the flash of a moment the deep secret of joy. You will have as much joy and laughter in life as you have faith in God!”

Faith is the foundation of our understanding of God. It teaches us what is true and can be counted on even when things are going poorly in life. When we choose to stand on our belief in God's promises, we find ourselves on solid ground. Faith is such an integral part of being a Christian. It stands in the face of adversity, doubt, struggle, and condemnation. Faith is knowing something is true, no matter what is happening around you even if it flies in the face of what you believe. What good is prayer if it is not rooted in the faith that God hears and responds to our calls upon His name? Faith is knowing that God works all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Here's a reminder of the truth of our faith...

*Sometimes I feel lost in a maze of emotions,
where every direction feels like a dead-end street.
I feel so alone in my search for an answer
that I start to blame God for not meeting my needs.*

*But God never promised that life would be easy,
for trials will come in different forms.
But He did promise that He would never forsake us
and that we can still have peace in the midst of the storm.
God's love runs deeper than the deepest ocean,
but He is not altered by the moods that we bring.
For every problem, He has a solution.
He is consistently working behind the scenes.*

Worship Service

9:30am Traditional
Worship Service-S

Prayer Meeting

Saturday @ 9am-S

Bible Study

10:00AM Bible
Study Wednesday in
the Conference
Room by Pastor
Rich

10:00AM Book of
Daniel Bible Study
Thursday in the
Conference Room
by Jan Schleier

6:30PM Alpha Bible
Study Thursday in
the Great Hall by
Pastor Rich.

Church Staff

Senior Pastor
Rich Schleier

Associate Pastor
Andre Miller

Office Manager
Jean Kennedy

Bookkeeper
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September
Worship
Assistants
Lectors

11/4

Dean Rogers

11/11

Chuck Behnke

11/18

Peggy Cutler

11/25

Kathy
Hopfensperger

Acolytes

11/4

Angel Havelock
Tabitha Havelock

11/11

Josh Roberson
Aidan
Wichterman

11/18

Jake Flaven
Logan Hernandez

11/25

Brooke Balthazor
Gavin
Wichterman

Worship

Assistants

Ushers

John & Stacy
Meyer
Jim & Jan
McDaniels

Communion

Assistant

Louise Behnke

Reflections From Pastor Rich (continued)

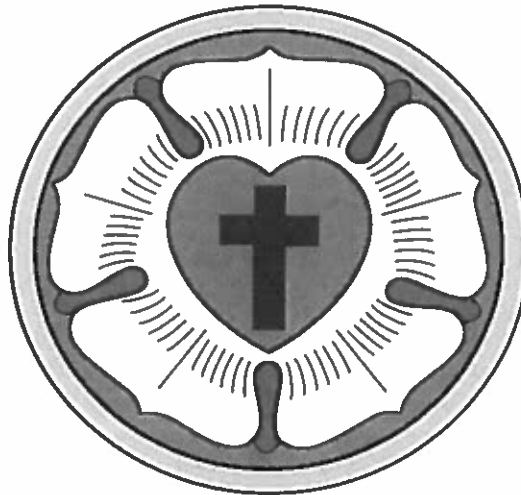
*So whenever you feel like you're losing the battle
and you want to just bow your head in defeat,
remember, with God you are always the winner,
for with Him by your side, you will never be beat!*

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Maranatha!

***Blessings,
Pastor Rich***

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me and
Where the Spirit is, there is freedom!



**Church Council
Tuesday
November 13
6:00PM
Conference Room**

**Committee
Meetings**

**Outreach and
Christian Ed
Board Meeting
Sunday
11/4**

**Worship
Committee
Meeting
Monday
11/12**

**Finance
Committee &
Property
Committee
Meeting
Monday
11/12**

A Message From Ray...

A huge “thank you” to all the wonderful guests that attended the 60th celebration of our marriage on October 13th.

The actual date of our marriage was August 31st, 1958, and the ceremony was held in the Lutheran church in Manson, Iowa. While this ceremony was the first step in our marriage, we have enjoyed numerous and wonderful experiences throughout our 60 years of togetherness.

Of course, the finest gifts we could have received was the birth of three great sons who have rewarded us with achieving a well-rounded life and careers that have rewarded them in many ways, both financially and in service to, not only their country, but to the community in which they have chosen to live.

The family vacations to such wonderful spots as Disneyland, Grand Canyon, Black Hills, Chicago and lest we forget, New York City, were some of the highlights while the boys were growing up. Ron’s first vehicle, David’s paper route and Mike’s ever so enthusiastic way of approaching life will always be fond thoughts that will remain with Waneta and me for the remaining years that we still have on the earth.

I was gone a lot while we lived in Iowa. I drove a truck all over the US and did not get home on a regular basis. The glory and thanks go to Waneta for guiding our sons younger and formative years. In 1978 we moved to Arizona from Iowa. I always like to tell everyone that when we moved, the IQ went up in both states. One fact that I did not reveal at our celebration was – when we were moving, we came over Gonzales pass between Superior and Florence Junction in our then fancy 1972 Club Wagon Ford which, since it was bought in Iowa, did not have air conditioning. It was around 110 degrees and my wonderful wife Waneta, who never uses a “bad” word – asked “what in the hell did you get us into”. Welcome to Arizona Waneta and the rest of the family.

We have been very blessed with our family and friends. It has been a great marriage and an even greater life that we have both enjoyed. **THANKS AGAIN FOR JOINING WITH US TO MARK THIS MILESTONE IN OUR LIFE. SEE YOU IN 2028 WHEN WE HIT 70 YEARS.**

Ray and Waneta Housh and family.

SPLC Council Minutes October 9, 2018

The council meeting was called to order by President Ray Housh at 1800 hours.

Marcy Perry had devotions and Debbie Lawrence will do devotions at the November meeting.

President Ray Housh received the individual budget worksheets from the council members. He will consolidate the different inputs and provide a potential budget for discussion at the November meeting. It is hoped that the council can present an obtainable budget for presentation to the members at our annual meeting that will be scheduled some time in January 2019.

Vice Presidents report: Marcy presented and discussed the “bottom up” method of management vs the “top down” method of management. The pastor is the shepherd of the flock and the membership of St. Peter is the governing and direction setting body for the church.

Secretary report: Ray asked for approval of last month’s council meeting minutes.

Marcy motioned and Jan M second. Motion passed.

Treasure’s report: Christina Labosco is meeting with Kathy H, Jean K, Pastor Andre and Pastor Rich to help implement the Quick Books into SPLC’s accounting system. This was scheduled for October 10.

Pastor Rich: New members will be received during late October or November. Possible 6 new members. The new Bible Study on Wednesday mornings and Thursday night continue to be well attended. The weekly attendance during the summer months was slow but the Winter visitors are starting to return.

Pastor Andre: The Sanctuary repairs are complete except for a few touch ups, and the placement of the new doors. We were able to get a complete facelift for the sanctuary, as well as the new floor in the Narthex. In total what was spent pales in comparison to the actual value of what was done. We have been blessed to have over \$100,000.00 worth of work done, and it shows! Lastly, some minor work will be ongoing with some interior and exterior touch ups etc.,

Congregational Leadership

Council President

Ray Housh

Council Vice

President

Marcy Perry

Council Secretary

Open Position

Council Treasurer

Debbie Lawrence

Education/Youth &

Family Ministries

Open Position

Finance &

Stewardship

Jim Fiedler

Outreach,

Fellowship, &

Christian Service

Jan Schleier

Property Chair

Rodrick Mitchell

Worship Chair

Jim and Jan

McDaniel

but they will not affect the Church schedule of events, and most of it will be done afterhours. Thanks for allowing me to beautify our worship space.

Total received: \$88,195.20 Total spent: \$67,708.25 Contractors Fee: \$12,400.00
Credit balance: \$8,086.95 (will be used for parking lot repair)

Education: Rally day was 9/9. Mary and Lynette will be working with the younger children and Jean will be working with the older group. Debbie will be doing music every few weeks with the children's group.

Worship: Everything is moving along OK. Ushers and greeters are being increased as the return of our winter visitors will require more. The proposal to have Kelly Kimble play different types of music **BEFORE** the start of the regular service was approved by the majority of the committee. Kelly will end her music so that it will not interfere with Shirley's prelude before the regular church service.

During the month of June (as many of the members will recall) St. Peter was using "canned music" projected onto the screen. After many complaints by several of the members, Ray Housh instructed Pastor Rich that we would be bringing Michelle Boyken on board to play as we had normally done in the previous years. Marcy Perry (personnel chair) was instructed by Ray to call Michelle and arrange for her to start the next Sunday. This action was taken by Ray as a result of the complaints and dissatisfaction by several members of the congregation.

Jan Schleier wants to be on record opposing this action that was taken by Ray since she feels the Worship committee was not notified of this action and should have had such notification given to her or to a member of the worship committee.

As everyone knows, the committees and council were on summer break and not readily available during this time. Ray did in fact notify the worship committee when he notified Pastor Rich of this action, since Pastor Rich is a member of the committee. Anyway, its over, finished, put behind us and Jan's request to be on record opposing this action has been accomplished.

Altar Guild (part of Worship): New green banners for the front of the church have been purchased and now hang there in all their splendor. New red, white, purple banners are on back order.

Outreach: A craft fair will be held on November 3. If you know of any crafters, pass the word. Also included is a bake sale and we will be serving sloppy Joes and chips. The second Tuesday night will be movie night through January. The Stephen Ministers group will "regroup" in January and make plans to move this worthwhile function ahead.

Finance: A discussion concerning the financial shortfall for 2018 resulted in the need for additional income to level out the year. It has been suggested that a letter will be sent to all

member households requesting the possibility of increasing their weekly/monthly giving or a possible one-time financial gift. Since the accounting section for St. Peter is currently undergoing the implementation of the new quick books, a correct financial picture for this month is not available.

Property: The sanctuary repairs have been completed and through negotiations we completed the roof repair, pew reupholstery, paint, narthex tiling, existing paint touchup and carpet after the storm damage.

The sewer line from the GH to the main city sewer line has a sag in it. This causes plugged lines and will require some nature of fix to overcome this problem. Pastor Andre and Ray are researching this problem and hope to come up with some type of solution. The first estimate to repair this problem was \$13000 to \$17000.

The “Come and See” sign will be removed on Friday Oct 12th as it is showing weather damage and is becoming less visible from main street as construction on the Metro Rail system moves forward. St. Peter has elected not to invest any more \$’s in this signage.

Minutes by Ray Housh
On behalf of the Church Council

Get Ready For Movie Night!
Friday, November 9th at 6:30pm.
Bring a Snack to Share!



November’s movie is titled “**Joshua**,” starring Tony Goldwyn and Academy Award winner F. Murray Abraham.

When Joshua moves to town, he awakens the curiosity of the people of Auburn. The locals aren’t quite sure what to make of him. They don’t know who he is or where he cam from, but no one can shake the feeling that they’ve known him for years.

Pastor Rich and Jan give this movie two thumbs up!

Bible Studies Available

Wednesday Mornings with Pastor Rich at 10:00am in the Conference Room.
The topic is Joy.

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30pm and Thursday Mornings at 10:00am with Jan Schleier
in the Conference Room. We are studying the book of Daniel with Beth Moore.

The Sisterhood of St. Peter meets the Monday after communion Sunday of each
month off campus at the IHOP at Val Vista and Baseline at 6:15pm. We have a
meal together before our bible study. We have the book Crazy Love by Francis
Chan that we are studying.

The Martha Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in the Great
Hall. Bring a snack to share.

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Sunday School Schedule

Hospitality: Mary and Martha (3-year-old thru 6th grade)

11/4 Video

11/11 Games

11/18 Puppets

11/25 Vacation Day

This group meets in the Learning Center.

Youth Group (7th thru 12 grade and older)

This group meets in the Youth Room of the Learning Center.

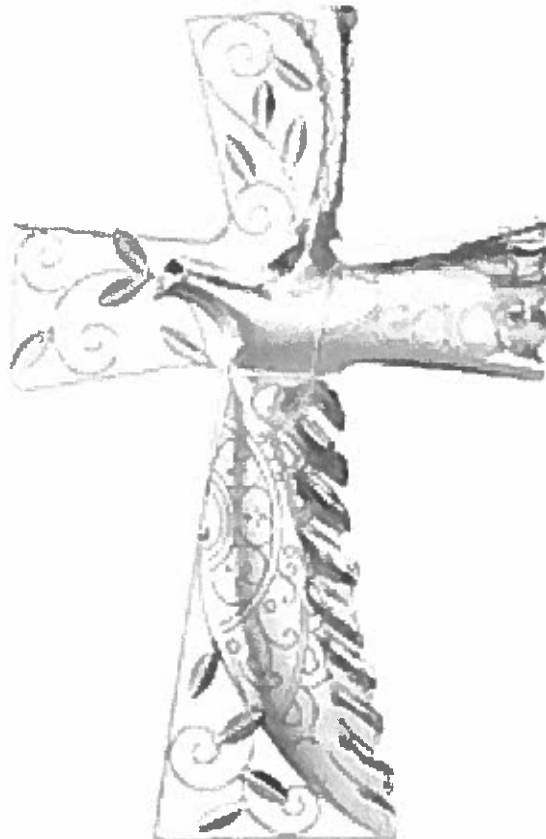
Adult Sunday School (18 years old to 100) meets each Sunday at 11:00am in the
Conference Room.

Men's Bible Study Group

The men of St. Peter are invited to join our new men's fellowship – The Fellowship of the Way.

We are meeting once a month to learn discipleship and to unite in following our wonderful Lord. All things are possible when we determine to follow Him. Our meeting this month will be Sunday, November 18th at 6:00PM in the Comfy Couch Room which is in the Office.

Come get more acquainted with your brothers in the Lord!



IT'S COMING!

Our December Corn Boil & Shrimp Night. It will be Saturday, December 8th from 5 to 7pm in the Great Hall.

Cost is \$20.00 per person.

Get your tickets now from Ray.



Unmentionables Needed!

St. Peter is taking up a collection of new underwear, bras and socks for men, women, and children for the Phoenix Rescue Mission.

Place your donation in the box in the narthex.



SWEATER DRIVE

Bring in new or gently used children's sweaters or sweatshirts. The items will be collected by New Beginnings Church and sent to Mexico.

Drop off your donation at the Information Desk or church office by Tuesday 11/20/18.

Come Celebrate!

The last Sunday of each month is a celebration to recognize those who have had a birthday. It is pot luck so bring a dish to share. St. Peter will provide the cake. And if you would like, bring a birthday card for each of the folks who are celebrating their special day. See the list on the last page of the newsletter for names. We will have a gift bag with their name on it to drop the card into. As disciples of Jesus, this will give us an opportunity to celebrate with them and join us together as a family of God.



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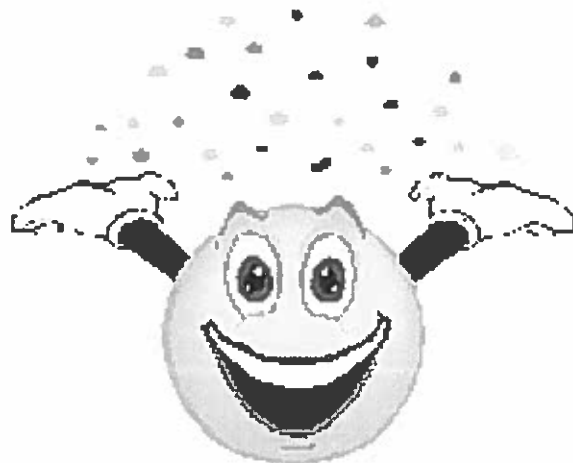
Returning Winter Family

Be sure to check in at the information desk in the narthex or call the church office – 480-833-4251.

WELCOME HOME!



The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great **joy** in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17





St. Peter Lutheran Church Announcements

November Events

**November 3, 10, 17
& 24:**

Prayer Gathering
9:00am-Office

**November 6, 13, 20
& 27:** Bible Study

Beth Moore
6:30PM-CR

**November 7, 14, 21
& 28:** Bible Study

by Pastor Rich-
10AM-CR

**November 1, 8, 15
& 29:** Bible Study

Beth Moore 10AM-
CR

November 13:

Martha Circle
9:30am-GH

November 17th:

Dining Out 6pm
Rancho De Tia Rosa

November 5 & 19:

Sisterhood of St.
Peter - 7pm IHOP:
Val Vista &
Baseline

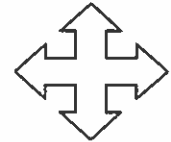
November 25th:

Newsletter Deadline

Prayer Gathering

Every Saturday morning at 9:00 in the Pastor's office, we gather to pray for God's perfect Will to be done in the life of St. Peter. God revealed that this is an important part of the resurrection He is doing in our midst. Please come along side us and add your voice to ours as we seek His promised blessing, a Resurrection Church!

**Sunday 8:30AM Confirmation Classes are in
Pastor Rich's office.**



DINING OUT

November 17th, 6:00 p.m. Rancho De Tia Rosa
891 North Higley Road, Gilbert (NEC Higley and Guadalupe)
Please sign up in the Great Hall or Contact Pastor Rich or Jan

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Marian Elling 11/1

Jim Cutler 11/3

John Meyer 11/6

Helen House 11/7

Staci Yob 11/12

Aubrey Yob 11/18

Ken Ballou 11/19

Rad Perry 11/22

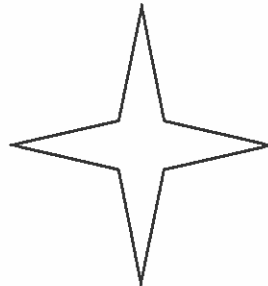
Lynnette De Los Rios 11/24

Jim McDaniel 11/26

Eugene Clark 11/30

Karen & Charles Vujnovich 11/11

Kristen & Gerald Kellogg 11/13



The **Christmas** play will be The Fumbly Bumbly Angels. Shepherds, Two Kings, and extras are still needed. Sign up for one of the parts with Jean Kennedy or call the church office 480-833-4251.

Did you know that you can pay your tithes and offerings on-line? You can go to www.stpetermesa.org and select "Giving" from the menu bar.





November 2018

GH – Great Hall
 S – Sanctuary
 KFR – Kvamme Fellowship Room
 Chr – Choir Room

* - Off-Campus

CR – Conference Room
 ChrR – Choir Room

*Calendar is subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 All Saints Sunday 9:30AM Traditional Worship-S 11AM Adult Sunday School-CR 11AM Sunday School-LC 12:30PM New Beginnings Christian Church-S 4:30-5:30PM HUGS-CR</p>	<p>5 12:15PM Overeaters Anon -Choir Room 7:00PM CODA-GH</p>	<p>6 6:30-7:30AM Overeaters-CNR 9AM Staff Meeting - CR 6:30PM Beth Moore Study</p>	<p>7 10AM Bible Study 12PM NBCC Bible Study-KFR 6:30PM NBCC Prayer & Bible Study-S 7:00PM Alcoholics Anon -CR</p>	<p>8 10AM Beth Moore Study 5:30-6:45PM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 5:30PM Alpha-GH-CR 6:30-8:30PM AA-CR</p>	<p>9 OFFICE CLOSED 12:15PM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 6:30-7:30PM Nar-Anon-CR 6:30PM Movie Night-S 7PM Church of God-GH</p>	<p>10 9AM Prayer Meeting-O 9:30AM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 10-11AM AI-A-CR 1-3:30PM HUGS-CR 2-10PM EV AI-Anon-GH, K, CR</p>
<p>11 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Pentecost 9:30AM Traditional Worship-S 11AM Adult Sunday School-CR 11AM Sunday School-LC 12:30PM New Beginnings Christian Church-S 1:30PM Church of God 4:30-5:30PM HUGS-CR</p>	<p>12 12:15PM Overeaters Anon -CNR 6PM Workshop Committee - CR Finance Committee - CR 7PM Finance Committee-CR 7:00PM CODA-GH</p> 	<p>13 6:30-7:30AM Overeaters-CNR 9AM Staff Meeting - CR 9:30AM NBCC Bible Study - CR 6PM Church Council - CR</p>	<p>14 10AM Bible Study 12PM NBCC Bible Study-KFR 6:30PM NBCC Prayer & Bible Study-S 7:00PM Alcoholics Anon -CR</p>	<p>15 10AM Beth Moore Study 12PM LCNC Prayer Meeting * 5:30-6:45PM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 5:30PM Alpha-GH-CR</p>	<p>16 OFFICE CLOSED 12PM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 6:30-7:30PM Nar-Anon-CR 7PM Church of God-GH</p>	<p>17 9AM Prayer Meeting-O 10AM-2PM Sons of Norway -GH, KIT 9:30AM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 10-11AM AI-A-CR 1-3:30PM HUGS-CR 4-7PM NBCC Leadership Training CR 6PM Training Out-</p>
<p>18 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Pentecost 9:30AM Traditional Worship-S 11AM Adult Sunday School-CR 11AM Sunday School-LC 12:30PM New Beginnings Christian Church-S 1:30PM Church of God 4:30-5:30PM HUGS-CR 6:00PM SPLC Men & Bible Study-O</p>	<p>19 12:15PM Overeaters Anon -CNR 7:00PM CODA-GH</p>	<p>20 6:30-7:30AM Overeaters-CNR 9AM Staff Meeting - CR 11:30AM Women's Quilting Day - GH 6:30PM Beth Moore Study</p>	<p>21 10AM Bible Study 12PM NBCC Bible Study-KFR 6:30PM NBCC Prayer & Bible Study-S 7:00PM Alcoholics Anon -CR</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED 5:30PM Over Eaters Anon -CNR</p> 	<p>23 OFFICE CLOSED 12PM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 6:30PM Nar-Anon-CR 7PM Church of God-GH</p>	<p>24 9AM Prayer Meeting-O 9:30AM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 10-11AM AI-A-CR 1-3:30PM HUGS-CR</p>
<p>25 Christ the King 9:30AM Traditional Worship-S 11AM Adult Sunday School-CR 11AM Sunday School-LC 12:30PM New Beginnings Christian Church-S 1:30PM Church of God 4:30-5:30PM HUGS-CR</p>	<p>26 NEWSPLETTER DEADLINE 12:15PM Overeaters Anon -CNR 7:00PM CODA-GH</p>	<p>27 6:30-7:30AM Overeaters-CNR 9AM Staff Meeting - CR 9:00AM Women's Quilting Day - GH 6:30PM Beth Moore Study</p>	<p>28 10AM Bible Study 12PM NBCC Bible Study-KFR 6:30PM NBCC Prayer & Bible Study-S 6:30PM NBCC Prayer & Bible Study-S 7:00PM Alcoholics Anon -CR</p>	<p>29 10AM Beth Moore Study 5:30-6:45PM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 5:30PM Alpha-GH-CR</p>	<p>30 OFFICE CLOSED 12PM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 6:30PM Nar-Anon-CR 7PM Church of God-GH</p>	<p>31 9AM Prayer Meeting-O 9:30AM Over Eaters Anon -CNR 10-11AM AI-A-CR 1-3:30PM HUGS-CR</p>