



**ST PETER'S**  
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# 2011

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Dear St. Peter's Family,  
It is a time for us to rejoice as we move toward Thanksgiving and Advent!

My family thanks you for the gift and warm thoughts on Reformation Sunday...thanks for caring and joining with us as we proclaim Jesus to our communities.

Our church is coming together as we seek to become financially stable for the 2011 year budget. Thank you to everyone who continues to go above and beyond in giving to Our Lord's ministry at St. Peter's. We are still about 13,000 short for the year, but we will continue to be faithful as we seek to end the year on budget.

There are many ministries we can show our Thankfulness toward this November!

On Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the vast and magnificent history of St. Peter's over the past 128 years. In particular, please join us as we recall the history and ministry of Dorothy Miller at 11:00am worship and fellowship at Noon.

The Men's group will be looking at the book "Wild at Heart" on the first Sunday of each month at 7:15am. This book will focus on "Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul." Our is to grow as men of God!



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Finally we have a great outreach opportunity the end of November as we celebrate Thanksgiving!

On Sunday worship, Nov. 20th please bring (non-perishable) food to the service to contribute towards the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. If you do not have time to shop, donations of money or gift cards from Giant Eagle or Heinen's are greatly appreciated. Merri will assemble baskets for pickup that day and during the week. Excess food will be brought to the altar by the children during the service to restock the food pantry. Thanksgiving baskets will be given to our members, friends, and neighbors. We especially want to know the names of anyone you know that could benefit from a Thanksgiving basket this year. Please contact Merri Bunge (216-447-4016 or work 216-839-6631) for more details. We will be collecting food this month for those baskets.

If you are in town during Thanksgiving, please pray about families in our church or your friends who you could invite to your home for Thanksgiving this year (especially those who don't have family in the area). How special it is when we share our thankfulness with those around us.

I look forward to sharing with you all that God is doing in our lives this month.

In Christ, *Pastor Jim*

## Thanksgiving Eve Service



On Wednesday, November 23rd (Thanksgiving Eve), worship service will be at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there so we can all pray together and give thanks to God.

### ***Our Mission:***

*Embracing the world around us  
with the love of Jesus Christ*

### ***Our Vision:***

We believe that God has brought us together by Grace through Faith, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world lost in sin.

We believe we are called to “**come in**” and “**reach out.**”

We “**come in**” to worship, study and pray.

We “**reach out**” to proclaim, teach and serve.

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”*

(Matthew 28:19-20)

### ***Our Strategy:***

In order to accomplish this goal of 130 disciples at St. Peter’s by 2013 it will be necessary for us to:

#### **“COME IN” through...**

#### **Worship** (Hebrews 10:24-25)

~We will carry out at least four specific initiatives aimed at encouraging greater participation in worship.  
*We will publically announce, describe and explain our service styles to the community and the Church.*

~We will continually seek to improve our current corporate worship experience.

#### **Study** (Matthew 22:37)

~We will preach through at least one book of scripture each year.

~We will improve our Sunday morning bible study and Sunday School hour with an emphasis on fostering discipleship.

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- ~We will provide yearly retreats.
- ~We will continue to expand our small group ministries.

**Pray** (Philippians 4:6-7)

- ~We will promote a more vibrant prayer life within the congregation.
- ~We will offer opportunities to come in and pray.
- ~We will begin regular daily or weekly prayers on our Website. *This will include calls for prayer, messages from pastor, and suggested scripture readings. Pastor will begin tweeting.*

**“REACH OUT” through...**

**Proclaim** (1 Peter 3:15)

- ~We will publically communicate our commitment to true, biblical Christianity.
- ~We will identify and begin outreach among at least one new Community group.

**Teach** (1 Timothy 4:11)

- ~We will begin new programs of mentoring disciples for adults and youth under the guidance of the Pastor and the Elders.
- ~We will begin topical studies related to interests of our communities.
- ~We will participate directly in a 12 step ministry.
- ~We will begin forming Triads (Bible studies with three individuals).

**Serve** (Matthew 22:39)

- ~We will begin a summer children’s program.
  - ~We will gather together for quarterly celebrations.
  - ~We will begin an after-school tutoring program no later than 2011.
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## Upcoming November Events

Mark your calendar now for the upcoming events:

**A) Progressive Dinner**

**Saturday, November 12th**

*(details on page 6)*



**B) Money Matters Seminar**

**Location: St. Peter's**

**Wednesday, November 2nd from 7:00 – 8:00pm**

*(Topic: Identity Theft)*

**Wednesday, November 9th from 7:00— 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday, November 16th from 7:00—8:00pm**

Colin Bell from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

is leading a four-week seminar (started October 26th)  
on money matters.

Topics concentrate on:

*~ Financial Planning*

**C) History of the Church Special Sunday**

*{Please note the change of date from*

*November 6th to November 13th}*

**Sunday, November 13th**

**11:00 am worship service**

Reception immediately following worship service

*(details on page 7)*

## Fall Time Change / November 6th

*Please note the following time change.*

**On Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 2:00am,  
Daylight Savings Time ends in the United States.**

**You need to turn your clocks back one hour.**

We want you to be on time for worship service.



**APPRECIATION FROM RON ROLLINS**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thank you for the support you have given me over the last several months culminating with the installation service yesterday. The stole, cake and reception were unexpected and unwarranted. Truly I am humbled by your love and generosity. Having Pastor Mark and Pastor Jim, who have been pillars of strength and encouragement to me in my growth over the past several years, jointly conduct the installation service was, well, moving. To also feel the love of Jesus working in and through them and the elders as they laid their hands upon me was just as overwhelming and a sincere testament to the Holy Spirit's work in all of God's children. My family and I are truly blessed to be a part of God's church here in Shaker Heights. May the Lord shine His light through me so that He is clearly seen as I serve you in love.... His love.

Blessings!

*Ron Rollins*

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**Progressive Dinner**

**Saturday, November 12th**

**6:00pm—Appetizers**

Niedermaier/Sheehan residence, 2854 Weybridge Rd.  
*(teenagers can “hangout” in the basement)*

**7:15pm – Dinner**

Simske/Vallier residence, 2910 Broxton Road

**9:00pm - Desserts**

R&D Johnson residence, 16825 Holbrook Road

*(babysitting not available)*

Contact Heather Vallier with questions:

216-751-7984 (home)

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## St. Peter's Lutheran Church's Special Sunday

**On Sunday, November 13th (note date change), at the 11:00 am, worship service, there will be a special celebration of the 128-year history of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The focal point is to recognize Life Long Members, both past and present. Currently, Dorothy Miller is the longest living member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.**

A special reception immediately following the worship service in the Great Room.

*The nursery will be available for childcare.  
Please be sure to join us for this blessed event.*

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## Men's Ministry

**The Men's Ministry meets in the Great Room at St. Peter's the first Sunday of every month from 7:15 – 8:15 am (prior to worship service). The next meeting is November 6th..**

The Men's Ministry is a gathering of men focused on Jesus Christ. Their purpose, through fellowship and diverse outreach, is to win, encourage, model and build a closer walk with Jesus Christ and godly relationships with other men.

"Entrust these things to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others" 2 Timothy 2:2



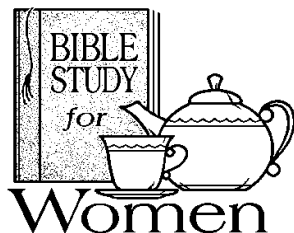
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## Spiritual Triads

Men's Spiritual Triads has been initiated with over 16 men from the congregation participating. Praise God! These Triads provide an opportunity for the men of St. Peter's to grow together with other men in the congregation – and outside the church – in God's Word and in close fellowship.

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## Tapestry

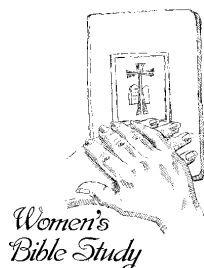


**Tapestry, a women's study group, meets at the home of Jenny Klopf every Thursday at 10:15 AM.** Join us for study of the Bible or other related topics, in depth discussions, fellowship, hot coffee or tea, and fresh pastry or other goodies. We also have a time of prayer

each week.

If you have questions or seek more information, please call Jenny at 216-291-3230.

## Women's Bible Study



St. Peter's evening women's bible study meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. **The meetings in November will be on the 8th & the 22nd. at 7:30 pm at the church.** We will continue our study of the Beatitudes: "blessings describing the character of the people of the kingdom."

This first fall meeting focused on *mercy*.

If any questions, please speak with Sally Miller at: 216-932-4915.

## The Truth Project

Meetings are held approximately every three weeks on a Friday from 7:30–9:00p.m.

at The Simske residence  
2910 Broxton Road, Shaker Hts.

All are welcome (including high school)

**The next meeting in November TBA.**

**JESUS**  
THE WAY,   
 THE TRUTH,  
THE LIFE. 

## Opportunity to Exercise



**On Wednesday evenings**, Amy DeFelice continues to coordinate a group of people to walk the surrounding streets as a form of exercise to stay in shape or get in shape. **Meet at the church at 7:00pm. After a vigorous, healthy walk, the group will meet back at the church for the Prayer Ministry at 8:00pm.**

Direct any questions to Amy at 216-287-6130 (cell).

## Prayer Ministry

The Wednesday prayer meeting has been growing in strength and fruit. We will continue to keep the Wednesday prayer ministry as a continuation of the Sunday worship to battle the devil. Please join us Wednesday at 8:00pm at St. Peter's.

## The Romans Study

The Romans Study will continue, but not this month. With other ministry commitments ongoing and my travel last month being more intense than planned, I've decided to wait until the New Year to restart the study. There will be a change in format from the Listen and Learn from the White Horse Inn radio series to an in depth manuscript study, and a very likely change in day from Sundays to Fridays. Contact me with any questions or concerns.

In Christ,

*Adam Bradley*

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### Beginning of Advent Season

Advent Midweek Theme: *Wait, Pray, and Live by Faith: Waiting with the Old Testament Church.* Midweek potluck dinners will begin on October 30th  
**Dinner at 6:30 p.m. ~~ Worship service at 7:30 p.m.**



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## Sr. High Ministry

### SENIOR HIGH MINISTRY

#### **Mark your Calendars for Sunday, 11/13**

Parents and Students are invited to a **special Sunday School Share and Tell** on Sunday, November 13, at 9:45am. We'd like to give parents and students the opportunity to share stories and insights about their faith and ask questions. Please make every effort to join us.

#### **The Friday Night Alternative**

We are going to start something new with the high school group! The hope is by December to add another aspect to the ministry. The focus will be on reaching the unchurched youth in our area.

We will set up a regular schedule to hold our gatherings two times a month. We can continue to explore which night is the best – Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. The idea is to gather **together** for a couple hours to worship, talk about our faith, and pray. We hope to encourage students to ask their questions, share their struggles and their testimonies, to discuss social issues, and to respond to one another for healing and encouragement, to build lasting friendships, and to experience the love of Jesus.

Each time we meet we will take an offering so that we can help fund pizza and goodies, and other costs of our ministry. After we are finished with the worship program, we will spend time playing group games, or watching a movie, and just hanging out. I am looking for our leaders who attend our weekly Sunday School class to organize and plan this with me, and will also be asking for adult volunteers. I am asking for the support of both the students and the parents to make this a priority.

*Lauren Kallie*



## Financial Report

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Below please find St. Peter's income and expense data through September 2011. Please note that the table displays income to the church's largest funds.

The operational deficit decreased during September and the year to date deficiency is now approximately \$12,000. For September the church's expenses were \$22,878 against receipts of \$14,566.



*Whit Lowell*

<b>Income</b>		
1 Jan 2011- 30 September		
<b>General Offering, Investment &amp; Rental Income</b>	\$148,969	
<b>Flowers</b> (unbudgeted)	\$2,457	
<b>Building Fund</b>	Regular contributions	\$2,576
	Interest & Dividends	\$458
<b>Endowment Fund</b>	Regular contributions	-
	Interest & Dividends	\$602
<b>General Memorial Fund</b>	\$210	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$156,219	
<b>Expense</b>		
1 Jan 2011- 30 September		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$168,727	
<b>Year To Date Balance</b> surplus/(deficit)	\$ (12,507)	

## Thoughts on Stewardship

1 Chronicles 29

The following passages display a prayer from David after freely and whole-heartedly receiving gifts, with which to build the temple, from the leaders of the tribes of Israel. David's prayer praises God and acknowledges Him as the owner of all things. David then asks that God would keep the hearts of the Israelites loyal and that they would always freely give to God.

*10 David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,*

*“Praise be to you, LORD,  
the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.*

*11 Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.*

*Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.*

*12 Wealth and honor come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.*

*In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.*

*13 Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.*

*14 “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be  
able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from  
you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.*

*15 We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all  
our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without  
hope. 16 LORD our God, all this abundance that we have  
provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes  
from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. 17 I know, my  
God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All  
these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And  
now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are*

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here have given to you. 18 LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. 19 And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, statutes and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.”

20 Then David said to the whole assembly, “Praise the LORD your God.” So they all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed down, prostrating themselves before the LORD and the king.

Please pray that as a church we always praise God and remember that all things belong to Him.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### November Birthdays

Dwight Gilmore (3rd)

Vicky Byers-Ward (3rd)

Adam Bradley (13th)

Sandra Johnson (15th)

Caitlin Nielsen (18th)

Jacob Schwartz (24th)

Alex Deutsch (26th)

Airiana Robinson

(29th)

Kerstin Niedermaier

(30th)



### November

### Anniversaries

Jim & Beth Gilmore

(11th)

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## Thoughts on Evangelism

### *Part I: Why do we do it?*

Evangelism gives us the opportunity to **praise** God for bringing us into salvation. When we preach the gospel in all its fullness—when we share the good news of Jesus and His love, we awaken and rejuvenate our own souls to glorify God!

Evangelism gives us an opportunity to **serve** God. The fields are ripe unto harvest and yet the laborers are few. There is a great reward awaiting for soul winners (Daniel 12:3) ...but even if there wasn't, we would still labor just for the sheer joy of being in God's work and spreading His word. *“Jesus told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”* (Luke 10:2)

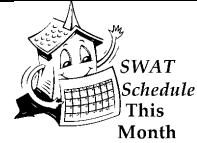
**God has commanded** it. Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17), and the word of God comes to sinners through those that share the Gospel. *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”* *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”* (Romans 10:13-16).

Also, since God has ordained it, **if we don't share the good news, someone else will!** Let us not lose the opportunities placed in our paths, but let us to have open eyes and ears and hearts to those in the world around us. Pray for one another as we work to realize our mission statement: *Embracing the world around us with the love of Jesus Christ.*

In Christ,  
*Lauren Kallie*

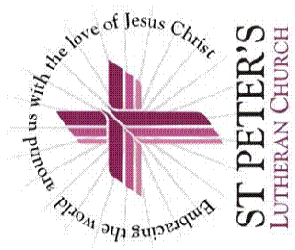


## SWAT Schedule for this month



Date	Role/ Name	
11/6/2011	Greeter—	Acolyte -
8:30 a.m.	Reader— <i>K. Bailey</i>	Assistant Minister— <i>K. Bailey</i>
	Usher(s)— <i>R. Bailey</i>	
11/6/2011	Greeter—	Acolyte—
11:00 a.m.	Reader— <i>M. Bunge</i>	Assistant Minister— <i>M. Bunge</i>
	Usher(s)—	
	Nursery Assistant— <i>K. Bunge</i>	Counter—
11/13/2011	Greeter—	Acolyte—
8:30 a.m.	Reader—	Assistant Minister—
	Usher(s) -	
11/13/2011	Greeter—	Acolyte -
11:00 a.m.	Reader—	Assistant Minister—
	Usher(s) -	
	Nursery Assistant—	Counter—
11/20/2011	Greeter—	Acolyte—
8:30 a.m.	Reader— <i>J. Klopf</i>	Assistant Minister— <i>J. Klopf</i>
	Usher(s) -	
11/20/2011	Greeter -	Acolyte—
11:00 a.m.	Reader -	Assistant Minister—
	Usher(s) -	
	Nursery Assistant—	Counter -
11/23/2011	Greeter -	Acolyte—
7:00 p.m.	Reader—	Assistant Minister—
	Usher(s) -	
	Counter -	
11/27/2011	Greeter -	Acolyte—
8:30 a.m.	Reader—	Assistant Minister—
	Usher(s) -	
11/27/2011	Greeter -	Acolyte -
11:00 a.m.	Reader -	Assistant Minister—
	Usher(s) -	
	Nursery Assistant -	Counter—
11/30/2011	Greeter -	Acolyte -
7:00 p.m.	Reader -	Assistant Minister -
	Usher(s) -	





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