

# eHighlights

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WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS  
for  
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## This Week's Dates to Remember

February 14. Happy Valentines Day.  
February 18. GriefShare. 1PM. Conference Room A.  
February 18. Ash Wednesday Service. 6PM. Sanctuary.  
February. *In Your Eyes* Art Exhibition Reception. Foster Gallery.

## Spiritual Formation Practice



### Sermon Series *The Ancient Path*

"The ancient path is not where we used to be—it's how we walk with God now." The ancient path isn't behind us, but beneath us.

### *Spiritual Formation Practice ~ Week 6* *Completing the Work God Began*

Once this week take 5 minutes to sit in silence and reflection on Acts 2:42–47.

- Take a moment to breathe and center your heart and thoughts on God.
- Read this passage slowly.
- Then ask: "What did the early Church participate in? How was God using these practices to shape the early disciples?"
- Pause, breathe, and wait a moment or two.
- Ask: "Lord, what is missing in my walk with you and with others? What practices do I need to take on to become the disciple you want me to be?"
- Pause, breathe, and wait a moment or two.
- Pray slowly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, and let me walk therein. Help me to see that it's not about a checklist to be completed, but about a lifestyle to become more like Jesus."
- Let God speak and begin to see where you need to lean into God's presence and faithfully trust in God's plan.
- Pray slowly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, and let me walk therein. Let me remain deeply connected to you in all things. Amen."

Formation begins with honest attention to where we are becoming the person God wants us to be and participating in spiritual formation practices that help get us there. And remember, who gave the growth, “the Lord added to their number daily...”

## Announcements



Email Julie Bell

### ***Higher. Wider. Closer. Deeper.***

As we plan ministry in 2026, we would like to invite you to be a part of the process and join one of the 4 teams:

- Higher Team focus is on worship and praise of God,
- Wider Team focus is on outreach and mission,
- Closer Team focus is on care and fellowship of one another,
- Deeper Team focus is on going deeper in faith in Sunday School class, small group and spiritual practices.

The time commitment is minimal but the impact is crucial to the life of our church.

## Events



### ***Ash Wednesday Service***

Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service. It is a reflective time to pause, pray, and prepare our hearts for Easter. We'll gather this Wednesday, February 18 at 6PM in the Sanctuary.

February 18 • 6PM • Sanctuary

### ***Wednesday @ Church***

6PM Time of Fellowship • Worship Center

6:30PM

English Bible Study with Pastor Tim



Conference Room C - WILL NOT MEET ASH  
WEDNESDAY

Spanish Bible Study with Pastor Miguel  
Worship Center

Youth Activities  
Youth Room

Children Activities  
Children's Area

## Mission First



### *Foster Gallery*

Do you like meeting new people? Join a team to walk around the Foster Gallery at the reception on first Friday. A reception takes place the first Friday of each month; many people from the community come in to the Gallery.

We are looking for a few people who are willing to engage guests in conversation as they visit. Receptions are 5-8PM.

You do not need to commit every first Friday. We would love to have a team to spread the fun throughout the year.

Contact Julie Bell if you would like to serve or have questions.

[EMAIL Julie Bell](#)



### *Mission First*

It is in our vision statement that we are to make (and grow) disciples of Jesus Christ. A piece of becoming a disciple is service.

There are always serving opportunities at Peoria First. Want to serve and just do not know where or how? Send us a message and we will get you connected.

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# Fine Arts

## February Foster Gallery Exhibition

### *In Your Eyes*

by Ryan Hearne, Abigail Jackson, Annika Pastrana, Molly Pigott,  
Isabella Turner, Ava Ugo, & Claire Walker

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:  
Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM - Noon  
Other Showings by Appointment



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**Questions about our Fine Arts Ministry or the Foster Gallery?  
Contact Eugene Maison**

[EMAIL Eugene Maison](#)

# Children







### ***Childcare Hours***

Childcare is available every Sunday morning from 8:45AM - 12:30PM. Childcare available for children infant through 4 years old.



### ***Comfort Room***

The Comfort Room may be accessed by checking in at the Children's Ministry desk and is available Sundays from 8:45AM-12:15PM. One adult parent / guardian must accompany your child.



**Questions about Children's Ministry?  
Contact Rosy Rios**

[Email Rosy Rios](#)

## Youth



### ***YOUTH Sunday School***

Youth Sunday School is for youth in 6th - 12th Grades.

Sundays • 10:00AM  
Youth Room



### ***YOUTH Small Group***

Join us every Wednesday as we open our evening with praise music and then enjoy time in the Word and fellowship with one another.

Youth Small Group is for youth in 6th - 12th Grades.

Wednesdays • 6PM  
Youth Room



Questions about Youth Ministry?  
Contact Christina Koepfel

Email Christina Koepfel

## This Week's Sermon



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### eHIGHLIGHTS Submissions

If you would like to submit an article for publication, please submit it no later than noon Wednesday **and include the word "eHighlights" in the subject line.** Please limit your content to the most basic information.

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### Join Us for Sunday Worship

Traditional | 8:45 AM | Sanctuary

RENEW | 9:00 AM | Worship Center

Renuevo (Bilingual Service) | 11:15 AM | Worship Center

### Sunday School for All Ages

10:00AM



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