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Prayer List

Howard Bell; Abbie Breen; Rob Butts; Carol; Katie Davis; Denise; Nancy Fegan;
Dan Ferris; Jerry; Susanne & Eucky Jones; Sandy Lashua; Bonnie Mahnk;
Howard Newton; Pam; Roy Perry; Evelyn Rinella; Sherrie & Julia; Anne Stevensen;
Jane Way; Thomas Wetterling

Announcements for the Week of 7/5 – 7/11

- 7/12: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
Coffee Hour after Worship & Congregational Meeting Following Worship
Peru Town Concerts 6 pm to 8 pm in Heyworth Mason Park
Rain Location – Peru Community Church Fellowship Center
- 7/13: Men’s Breakfast 7:30 am at Rulfs Orchard
Carpet Cleaning in Sanctuary
AA 7:30 pm
- 7/14: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- 7/15: Knit Wits 1:30 pm
Strawhatters Concert Band
- 7/16: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Peru Community Church
7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026
Rev. Phil Richards

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

PASTOR’S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Welcome, friends. We come from different places, carrying different stories.
Many: Yet we gather as one community, seeking hope and new life.
One: Some of us arrive with joy. Some come with heavy hearts.
Many: Here, we are all welcomed with grace and love.
One: Like seeds scattered across the earth, possibilities surround us.
Many: May our hearts be open to receive love, grow in compassion, and bear fruit for the world.
One: Come, let us worship the God who is always planting hope among us.
Many: We come with open hearts. Let us worship together!

***HYMN** *“O Day of God Draw Nigh”* #452 (Presbyterian Hymnal)

OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us join our hearts in prayer...
All: Loving God, You meet us in every season of life. When our hearts feel tired, bring us rest. When we feel distracted, help us notice what really matters. When hope feels difficult, plant new possibilities within us. Open us to your Spirit, to one another, and to the work of love in the world. May this time together renew us and send us out ready to make a difference. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Evelyn Elizabeth Drollette
Kyle and Meghan Drollette, Parents

INVITATION

One: Today we celebrate one of the great gifts of our faith—the gift of baptism.

Baptism is a sign of God's love that comes before we earn it, before we understand it, and before we can ever deserve it. It reminds us that each person is wonderfully made, deeply loved, and forever welcomed into God's family. Today we promise to walk together as a community of faith, encouraging one another to grow in love, compassion, justice, and hope.

PRESENTATION

One: I invite the family to come forward.

Who presents this child/person for baptism today?

Parents/Sponsors: We do.

OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

Loving God, From the beginning, your Spirit moved over the waters of creation. Through water, life is renewed, hope is restored, and new beginnings become possible. Pour out your Spirit upon this water and upon this child today. May this baptism be a sign of your never-ending love and a reminder that we all belong to you and to one another. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PARENTS

Do you desire that Evelyn Elizabeth be baptized into the community of Christ?

Response: We do.

Will you do your best to surround her with love, teach her the way of compassion, encourage her to seek justice, practice kindness, and help her grow in faith?

Response: We will, with God's help.

Will you encourage her to ask questions, to keep learning, and to discover God's presence throughout her life?

Response: We will.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

People of God, will you welcome Evelyn Elizabeth with love?

Will you pray for her, encourage her, celebrate with her, and walk beside her through every season of life?

Congregation: We will.

Will you help make this church a place where everyone is welcomed, respected, and loved?

Congregation: We will.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together.

Do you trust in the God of love, revealed in Jesus Christ, and present with us through the Holy Spirit?

Response: We do.

Will you seek to follow Jesus by loving your neighbor, working for justice, showing mercy, and caring for God's creation?

Response: We will, with God's help.

THE BAPTISM

Evelyn Elizabeth, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Let us pray.

Loving God,

Fill Evelyn Elizabeth with your Spirit.

Give her courage when life is difficult...

Joy when life is beautiful...

Wisdom when choices are hard...

Compassion for all people...

And hope that never gives up.

May she always know she is your beloved child.

Amen.

WELCOME

Friends,

With joy we welcome Evelyn Elizabeth into the family of faith.

May we laugh together...

Learn together...

Serve together...

And discover God's love together.

