

eHighlights

April 17, 2026
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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This Week's Dates to Remember

April 19. Sunday Worship.
8:45AM Traditional. 9:00AM Renew. 11:15AM Renuevo.

April 22. GriefShare. 1PM. Conference Room A.
April 22. Wednesday @ Church.

Announcements



Thank You, Andrew

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Andrew Sanchez has accepted a new position as Worship Director at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton, Illinois.

Andrew, from all of us here at Peoria First, we thank you for your dedication, hard work, and the positive impact you have made during your time with us. Your contributions have truly made a difference in our music ministry and in the life of our congregation.

You leave with our deepest appreciation and our heartfelt prayers for God's continued blessings in your new ministry role. We are excited for this next chapter in your journey and pray for God's grace and guidance for you and your family in the days ahead.

Andrew will continue to serve our congregation through the beginning of June. A Sunday morning reception will be held in late May or early June.



2026 Graduate?

Are you or a family member graduating this year? We are celebrating our graduates in a video presentation in worship on May 17. Please submit name, grade level of graduate, and 2 photos: a younger photo of the graduate and a current photo to Christina Koeppel by May 10.

[Submit Graduate Here](#)



Mark Your Calendar!

Combined Worship Service

On Sunday, May 31 we will have one worship service. Together we will celebrate 15 years of our bilingual worship service, Renuevo.

After worship, we will enjoy a potluck lunch together.

Stay tuned for more details....

May 31 | 10:30AM | Worship Center

Events



Wednesday @ Church

6PM. Time of Fellowship. Worship Center.

6:30PM

Pastor Tim's Bible Study on Revelation. Room 215.

Bilingual Bible Study. Worship Center.

Youth and Children Activities.

Mission First



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.

[CLICK HERE to get Connected](#)

Fine Arts

April Foster Gallery Exhibition April 1 - 30

At the Crossroads with Christ
by The Christian Artists Call

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

CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

10:00AM / SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:40AM / CHILDREN'S CHOIR



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11:45AM / ESCUELA DOMINICAL

12:10PM / CORO INFANTIL



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



Beulah Youth Summer Camp

Join us at Beulah Youth Institute for a week of Christian growth and community. Each day will be filled with encouraging worship, individual and small group Bible study, and ways for you to engage with God and other campers!

The theme this year focuses on Isaiah 41:1-2 Redeemer.

When: June 14-20

Grades: Grades 8 - 12

Cost: \$305 if registered and paid by May 1

Group: FUMC Peoria

Code: fumc116



Fully Loaded

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Join us for a bilingual summer camp - fully Spanish AND fully English.

The theme of this year's camp is filled with the Holy Spirit.

When: July 16 - 18

Grades: 6 - 12

Cost: \$150

Contact Christina Koeppel with questions or to register.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[Email Christina](#)



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 Koeppel**

[Email Christina Koeppel](#)

This Week's Sermon

Conversations on the Road

Luke 24:13-24



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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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