



# **“The Herald” Newsletter**

## **St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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*“For unto you is born this day in the city of David  
a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11*

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**Sunday, December 24th: Advent 4**  
**Unified Service of Holy Communion**  
At 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
New Day & Traditional Worship

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
**Family Services of Holy Communion**  
at 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.  
*Children’s Christmas Story as Sermon*

**Traditional Services**  
**of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.**  
*Pastor Sarah Teichmann preaches at 7:30 p.m.*  
*Pastor Craig Ross preaches at 10:00 p.m.*

### **Darkest Night Service**

Join us for a healing service on Sunday evening, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for those who struggle with grief during the Christmas holiday season. Surrounded by a world, which announces joy at every turn, and happiness with each breath, we will pause this night to offer God our struggles, which seem even more painful during this season of festivity. The hymns, lessons, prayers and readings of the service serve as a reminder that the joy of Christmas is intimately linked with the suffering of the Lenten Cross, and given meaning by the Easter Resurrection. A candle lighting liturgy provides visible focus of our grief and our hope. Anointing with oil will be offered as a healing rite. Come and share a respite from the world’s happiness, in order to embrace your sense of loss, and to hear again God’s promises of renewal and healing.

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### **Sunday, December 3: *Advent 1***

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Traditional Services of Holy Communion at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*



### **Wednesday, December 6: *Advent 1 Mid-week Service***

Brief Service of Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

--*Vicar Pal preaches*

### **Sunday, December 10: *Advent 2***

New Day Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m., with Sacrament of Holy Baptism

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Service of the Word at 8:00 a.m., Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

### **Wednesday, December 13: *Advent 2 Mid-week Service***

Brief Service of Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

### **Sunday, December 17: *Advent 3***

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m., Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m. with sacrament of Holy Baptism

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

### **Sunday, December 17: *Darkest Night Service***

Service of Healing and Remembrance at 6:00 p.m.

-- *Pastor Craig & Vicar Pal lead*

-- Anointing with Oil offered and Remembrance Candle Lighting Rite

### **Wednesday, December 20: *Advent 3 Mid-week Service***

Brief Service of Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

### **Thursday, December 21: *Sages Christmas Service***

Pew Communion Service of Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m.

(The service is open to the public)

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

### **Sunday, December 24: *Advent 4***

Unified Service of Holy Communion at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for both New Day and Traditional worshipping communities.

### **Sunday, December 24: *Christmas Eve***

Family Services of Holy Communion at 3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

--*Children's Christmas Story as Sermon*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 10:00 p.m.

--*Pastor Ross preaches*

### **Sunday, December 31: *Christmas 1***

Unified Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for both New Day and Traditional worshipping communities.

*Sister Dottie Leads*

## Advent Season at New Day Praise Service, 10:45am in the Family Life Center



Advent begins on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and the New Day Praise service will be doing something a little different from the Traditional services. This year New Day will not be offering a Christmas Eve service, but much of the elements of Christmas Eve will be experienced during the Advent season. Along with its praise music and relaxed atmosphere the Gospel readings for each Sunday in Advent will describe the “Long Road to Christmas” where we will be on the road with exiles, angels and shepherds as they seek out the promise of Christ. Music will feature some beloved traditional Christmas music as well as contemporary praise music.

### Mid-Week Advent Worship

Mid-week Advent services begin in December, as we celebrate the coming of our Savior in the manger in Bethlehem and at the end of all the ages on the first three Wednesdays in December. These brief half-hour services feature Holy Communion, two hymns, a brief liturgy and a short homily. The worship leaders for each Wednesday are:

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> : Vicar Pal**

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: Pastor Sarah**

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: Pastor Craig**

**Adam Lefever Hughes and Nancy LeFevre will offer musical leadership each week**



We hope you will consider joining us for mid-week Advent worship at 7:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. in our Chapel as we take a short respite from the hustle and bustle of the season, for the purpose of focusing upon the coming Christ who transforms our lives and our faith.

### Sages Christmas Service



On Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, we welcome all of St. Peter’s Sages (members 80 years of age or older) and any other members who wish to join us for an early Christmas service at 11:00 a.m. The service will feature pew communion, Christmas hymns, liturgy and lessons along with special music offered by our Sages Service Choir. Pastor Craig will be the preacher for the day and Adam Lefever-Hughes, Director of Music will play for the service. It is an event you won’t want to miss. A luncheon will follow the service in the Family Life Center at noon so you can renew ties with other Sages that you may not see very often. Friends and family are invited as well. If you need a ride to the service, it can be provided. Please call the Church Office (717-569-9211) or Christine Smith (717-299-0949) to make a ride request or to reserve a seat or seats at the luncheon by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see many of you on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Sages, watch for your formal invitation in the mail in December.

### Nativity Display

A display of creches from the collection of Jill Pretz will be in the curio cabinet and table located in the narthex, beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving and continuing through January. Jill has been collecting creches, or nativity scenes, since 1970, although most of her early sets were destroyed in a house fire in 2003. Since then, she has gathered together over sixty sets. Many were purchased from 10,000 Villages, some are antiques bought on Craig's List and some were gifts from friends who helped rebuild her collection after the fire. Several are hand carved by Jeff Pretz. The displays are from various cultures and countries but they all tell the beautiful story of the birth of the Baby Jesus, Christ the Lord.



## December Church Office Schedule

Please note the following schedule for the Church Office this month:

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Normal Schedule) through Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

OFFICE CLOSED on December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Holiday)

OFFICE CLOSED on December 26<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Holiday)

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Flex-hours) on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

OFFICE CLOSED on January 1st (New Year's Day)

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Normal Schedule) beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>



## Holy Baptism



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will next be offered on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 a.m. New Day service and on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 a.m. Traditional service. Candidates are still being received for each of these offerings of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call one of the pastors if you are interested in participating.

## Christmas Poinsettia Delivery

Looking for volunteers to deliver Christmas poinsettias to members who are not able to attend service. It is a great family opportunity to meet and connect with our older members. Deliveries can be made December 25 or in the days that follow. If interested, sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery, or contact Christine Smith at [cjsmith1984@gmail.com](mailto:cjsmith1984@gmail.com) or (717) 299-0949. Twenty volunteers are needed, so please consider helping. It will be a rewarding experience.



## Christmas Eve Children's Sermon



Pastor Ross is looking for young people, teens and parents to help with the annual Christmas Eve Children's sermon at the two Family Services. If you want to participate, please fill out the form below and return it to Pastor Ross. Teens (7<sup>th</sup> Grade and older) serve as group leaders for the younger children. Parents help with some organization of the kids. The two rehearsals will be on **Thursday, December 14 at 7:15 PM and Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 PM.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child / Teen (Circle one)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ I/we can help



We will participate in the 3:00 PM / 5:00 PM service (circle both or one)



## Adult Christian Education

### Weekdays

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** — Beginning in December with the start of the Advent season, we will be in Year Two of the three year lectionary, the year of St. Mark. Most of our Gospel lessons from December 2017 through December 2018 will be from this earliest of our Gospel accounts.

Why not consider joining this vibrant group of 40-50 fellow believers as we study familiar material in ways that always open up faith discussion, historical reflection, and theological questions. Pastor Ross facilitates the class which meets in the Café on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Friends are welcome. Modest snacks and drinks are provided.

Our schedule is:

**December 6 – Mark, Chapter 3:1-19**

**December 13 – Mark, Chapter 3:20-35**

**December 20 – OPEN FORUM**

**December 27 – NO CLASS (Christmas Break)**



**Elevate Bible Study** — This class will meet Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. We will discuss Paul's letters and his own personal journey through faith and how he taught in Jesus' name. Everyone is welcome and the class will be discussion based to emphasize our collective journey in community. Contact Jim Moshos by email for more information at [jimmymoshos@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmymoshos@yahoo.com).



**December Pub Theology** — Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. at “Reflections”. Come for dinner and drinks or just drinks and discussion. RSVP to Sister Dottie if you can attend. ([dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)).

### **Sunday Morning classes – 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**(Note: No Classes on December 24th or January 1st)**

#### **Crosspoints (Conference Room)**

This class is a combination of Theology, Church history and the intersection of Faith and Life.

**December 3:** The Surprising Origins of Your Christmas Traditions

**December 10:** Matthew vs. Luke, pt. 1 - The Birth of Jesus in the Book of Matthew

**December 17:** Matthew vs. Luke, pt. 2 - The Birth of Jesus in the Book of Luke

#### **Faith and Values (Room 100)**

This fall the Faith & Values class explores different topics of our life and faith. During December we'll discuss issues centering around the following topics:

**December 3:** Parenting and the Long Game

**December 10:** What Are You Looking For?

**December 17:** Sharing the Story (Traditions)

**Class meets in Room 100 at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome!**

#### **Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Pretz (Library)**

Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Pretz will meet in the Library. Each Sunday will focus on the lectionary readings of the day.

## Social Ministry



### **Lydia's Closet clothing bank at St. Peter's**

Our December Distribution Day is Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Contact Molly Olmsted if you can help ([astaloo@me.com](mailto:astaloo@me.com)).

### **January Community Meal**

Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church.

Contact Jan Gigl at [ronjangigl@comcast.net](mailto:ronjangigl@comcast.net) for more information on how to help!



Community Meal



**Christmas Giving Trees** are up in the Narthex and Youth Lounge. Items are due by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please return your items by these dates! Items will go to needy families, children and youth in the Manheim Township School Districts and City of Lancaster.

## Fellowship Events



### **Congregational Christmas Dinner Theater**

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.

This year's original production is called "*The Dr. Philistina Show: The Intervention of the 4 Evangelists*".

Tickets will be available beginning Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – tickets will be sold by donations this year! All profits will help with the cost of the National Youth Gathering. There will be no tickets sold at the door, so get yours by Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Kid's Angel and Shepherd Participants Needed!**

Children needed for our "Angel/Shepherd Choir" for the Dinner Theater on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Grades K-4 are welcome to be part of this group. We will have practice on Sundays, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00– 8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Dinner provided.



### **Women's Winter Retreat**

Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

Camp Kirchenwald

Cost: \$80.00

**Come for a weekend of learning and fellowship. Details and Registration forms are on the Adult Ed board.**



### **New Year's Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner**

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Help needed – contact Peter Murdock or look for a signup sheet on the fellowship board.

## Church Leader Installation

Those who will serve in leadership positions in the coming year will be installed and recognized at all three worship services on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. We will formally install our 2018 Congregation Council along with our Congregational Officers. Additionally, we will recognize and commission our committee chairs and committee members who are present.

## **Community Relations: The Website Is Your Friend!**

December is a rather busy month at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and you don't want to miss out on a program, a worship service, a devotional, or any other faith formational event. Why not make it easy on yourself and go to our website [www.stpeterslutheran.org](http://www.stpeterslutheran.org) to find out the latest schedules and calendar events. Check out blog posts to help you plan or to engage your faithful preparations this season. Be sure to check out our Facebook page as well (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster>) for posts about upcoming events or to catch the beauty and joy of a past event. If you have questions about events and schedules that you can't find on the website, don't hesitate to call the church office at 717-569-9211. The office staff will love to hear from you.



The holidays are quickly approaching! That means it is time to bake, to decorate, to prepare holiday family meals and of course, to give gifts. While we won't come to your house and actually do any of these holiday necessities, we can make it a tad easier for you by offering gift cards from Stauffer's, Giant, Weis and Oregon Dairy grocery stores. Every Sunday in the Narthex you simply purchase the gift cards at face value (no extra cost to you) and spend as you wish...a little at a time, all at once, or give them as gifts. Cards may also be purchased during normal church business hours. St. Peter's receives 5% from each card sold so please consider participating in this ongoing ministry as an easy way to help reduce the church debt. It's a win-win! *Pat Badorf*



### **TITHING YOUR TIME & TALENT —**

In a life stretched with so many things to do, how does one find time to "give of their time and talent" beyond their existing commitments? Perhaps, embedded in the following cartoon, there is an answer. Give something up to serve others!



## **Financial Report**

### October 2017 Financial Information

		Month	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$	78,657	\$ 751,100	\$ 770,313
General Fund Expenses	\$	62,986	\$ 777,507	\$ 770,313
Surplus (Deficit)	\$	15,671	\$ (26,407)	\$ -
Debt Reduction Receipts	\$	17,034	\$ 124,270	\$ 126,250
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$	13,216	\$ 129,853	\$ 126,250
Surplus (Deficit)	\$	3,818	\$ (5,583)	\$ -
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$	19,489	\$ (31,990)	

## Prayer Chain Ministry

### **From Your Prayer Chain.....**

DURING THIS SEASON of thanks....We thank you, the congregation, for the privilege of praying for your family and friends in times of need. You trust us to treat each request with respect and privacy, which we try extremely hard to do. It is an honor to lead this group of dedicated prayer warriors on behalf of the church. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*Ginny & Angela*



### Poem Prayer for December 2017

*By: Janice Riegel,  
St. Peter's Prayer Chain*



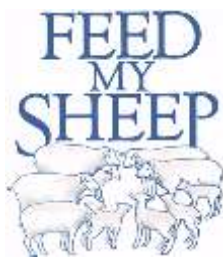
### A Christmas Gift to You

I am oftentimes reminded  
Of so very long ago  
When that tiny little Christ child  
Was born in a manger meek and low.

A star on high was shining  
Over the spot where Jesus lay  
Shepherds and wisemen came to Him  
To lay their gifts upon the hay.

Angels on high proclaimed His birth  
A mighty chorus sang  
The night was filled with celestial sounds  
And the bells of heaven rang.

God sent His son as that little child  
To save the world from sin.  
He's here for you, He's here for me  
So let the dear Lord enter in.



### The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in December: *Peanut butter; jellies and jams; canned fruits; canned pasta; canned tomato products; spaghetti sauce; boxed macaroni and cheese; instant stuffing & potatoes; canned yams; complete pancake mix & syrup; canned tuna and chicken; tuna, beef & chicken helper; cereal; instant oatmeal.* Food Carts are in the Narthex. Items go to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank. *Thanks for your donations!*



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### Inclement Weather Info

In the event of inclement weather where church services or ministry programs may be delayed or cancelled please feel free to call the church office (717) 569-9211, go to our website [stpeterslutheran.org](http://stpeterslutheran.org) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/stpeterslanaster](https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslanaster), or check out [wgal.com](http://wgal.com) for updated information.

## Global Missions

### **PIGS, CHICKS, GOATS ----- OH MY!!!!**

Starting on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>**, and continuing through Advent, visit our **STABLE** of animals waiting to be given as Christmas gifts in honor of those you love!

**WAIT!!** Pigs, chicks and goats for Christmas? What does this mean??

Yes, we all have a chance to give the gift of **LIFE, HOPE, FOOD, WATER, HEALTH CARE and EDUCATION** to many people all over the globe who do not have what we have. Today, 1 person in 9 lives in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.90 a day. 795 million people around the world do not know where their next meal is coming from.



We can help drive down the human cost of extreme poverty. We can do this by taking some of the many ornaments on the **STABLE**, sending a check to “**ELCA World Hunger**” and hanging these ornaments on our Christmas trees to remind us that we have been generous this Christmas to those who have so little.

So – come visit the **STABLE** and find out what to do to give a **PIG**, a **CHICK**, a **GOAT** – or other life-saving gifts (eg., a water filter, school supplies, support for a refugee family, Bibles, or health care for a child, to name a few) to help fight world poverty. You can call these acts of sharing “alternative gifts” or “generosity gifts” to honor those special folks in your lives.

There will be special activities and opportunities for our **Sunday School children** to be engaged in giving **PIGS, CHICKS, and GOATS** this Christmas so other children can eat and go to school. Watch for what your children and grandchildren bring home! Listen to what they tell you about what they are learning! Encourage them to be generous too!!

**QUESTIONS?** Come visit the **STABLE** during Advent and pick up some ornaments and an **ELCA GOOD GIFTS** Catalog to take home. There are lots of options to consider as gifts of life and hope you can support. Or you can contact Chris Mummert, Chair of the Global Missions Committee ([perfect662@gmail.com](mailto:perfect662@gmail.com)), to find out how you can help feed, clothe and educate hungry children all over the world.

### **The Tanzania Mission Committee**

**IT'S COOKIE WALK TIME!** Thank you to those of you who have signed up to bake cookies for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Cookie Walk to be held in St. Peter's Narthex on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** -- and there is still time to sign up. We need you and your best Christmas cookies!



Please bring your cookies to the church on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> between 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Then come on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon to fill your containers (large \$15; small \$8) with delicious homemade Christmas cookies.

Boy Scouts will be there to assist you in filling your containers; Adam Hughes and Maurielle Courtois will provide live Christmas music; and you may even catch a glimpse of Santa Claus. It's a day that's sure to put you in the Christmas Spirit. So come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. All proceeds from the Cookie Walk benefit the Busoka orphans in Tanzania.



### **PLEASE HELP SAVE MAILING COSTS!!!!**

**PLEASE CONSIDER** signing up to receive the online version of the “Herald” Newsletter and help us save on our mailing costs. Contact Sandy Shattuck in the Church Office to sign up and start receiving the “Herald” by email. Please note: You may also pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk or Literature Racks.

## **Worship and Music at St. Peter's**

### **Youth Singing Christmas Carols at Dickey's Barbecue Pit – December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Support our youth and eat good food. It's a win-win! You can help on December 5<sup>th</sup> by eating dinner at Dickey's Barbecue Pit, 2481 E. Lincoln Highway, Lancaster. Children and Youth will sing from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The restaurant will donate part of the dinner sales to help defray costs for the Youth Gathering this coming summer. All are invited to come hear the sounds of the season while sharing a tasty meal.

### **Church Musical – February 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. – It's Cool in the Furnace**

February may seem quite far away, but before you can say King Nebuchadnezzar, Christmas will be over and it'll be only one month away from performance time!

For children, youth, and adults who are unable to come to regular rehearsals on Thursday evenings, or who would like more chances to sing the musical songs (they're fun!), come sing with us at the following rehearsals:

December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

December 16<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

December 30<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Pizza Party! Bring your leftover Christmas Cookies to share!)

To get the latest updates on rehearsals, please contact Adam at [ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org) to be placed on an email distribution list.

### **Musical Arts – FRIDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – Hershey Handbell Ensemble**

The Hershey Handbell Ensemble presents the second concert of the 2017-2018 St. Peter's Musical Arts series on FRIDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Come hear this auditioned handbell ensemble present seasonal music to start off your December.

### **Sages Choir Forming for Sages Christmas Service**

The Sages Choir will sing for the Sages Christmas Service again this year. The Sages Choir will practice at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We'll prepare a couple of selections and help lead hymns at the Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 a.m. service. Please contact Adam with any questions.

Adam Lefever Hughes

Director of Music

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## **St. Peter's Photo Directory**

Have you checked out the updated photo directory in your email? It was sent on November 9<sup>th</sup> from St. Peter's Lutheran Church with the subject, "New Church Directory Available to Download." If you did not receive it, or if there is something wrong with your information, please contact Sandy Shattuck in the Church Office at 717-569-9211 or by email at [sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org). If you would like a paper copy, Sandy will be happy to help you with that, too. Lastly, any time you want to update your photo simply email it to [directory@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:directory@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org). Thanks for all your help! Couldn't do it without you. *Stephanie Palic, Membership Chairman, [stephpalic@gmail.com](mailto:stephpalic@gmail.com)*



**TWITTER** — Welcome to the active (!) Twitter community for Saint Peter's Lutheran Church. Please follow us @stpeterslanc and use #stpeterslanc to chat about the sermon or events.

## Health and Wellness Committee

### **National Handwashing Awareness Week 12/4 – 12/10/17**



As flu season begins at this time of the year, and of course germs are all around us, do you know that the ONE thing that everyone can easily do to prevent illness is: Wash Your Hands?!

Imagine how great it would be if you or your family were never sick again from a respiratory infection, flu or even a cold? The T Zone (the central part of a person's face, including the forehead, nose, and chin) is the area of Do Not Touch. It is the only portal of entry into the human body for ALL respiratory/flu like infections!

Practicing the 4 principles of hand awareness will ensure you stay well:

- Wash your hands when they are dirty, before eating, after using the restroom
- Sing the Happy Birthday song twice, making sure to lather well and rinse/dry well too
- Do Not cough into your hands (use the corner of your arm at the elbow)
- Do Not sneeze into your hands (again, that corner of your arm at the elbow!)
- Above all, do not put your fingers in your eyes, nose or mouth!

Thank you for helping "spread the word, not the germs"! Stay healthy this holiday season.

### **St. Peter's and Church Safety**

With the recent attacks in our country, especially the recent shooting at a church in Texas, our staff needs to make our congregation aware that we have and are still working on safety procedures in the event of an intruder, fire, weather or medical emergency. We have a plan in place and will be offering training to our volunteers in the New Year. We are working with the Manheim Township Police, Fire and Ambulance associations as well as with persons at the local level from Homeland Security. Our Preschool has already been having fire and intruder drills. We are also looking at our building to see how we can make it safer and more secure. If you have any specific questions about Church safety, please contact Sister Dottie Almonev at [dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org) or Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director at [lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).



### **Groups and Events**

**Just for Fun - Christmas Potluck** - Glen Hauck and Julie Tritch will be hosting the "Just for Fun" Christmas potluck at their home at 630 Willow Green, Lititz, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Christmas is an especially great time for newcomers to meet most of the crowd. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Julie at 717-572-5475 or Glen at 717-371-2562. We look forward to seeing everyone!

**50 Plus** — Please join us for good fellowship on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at noon for our annual Christmas Buffet at the Eden. Our January program will feature Vicar Pal talking about Christmas traditions and debunking some of their origin stories. Please bring a covered dish TO SHARE, your own place setting and beverage. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 717-569-7740.

**WELCA** — Be sure to join us at our **WELCA Christmas meeting** on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Room 124. A light breakfast will be served. Those attending the meeting are invited to bring their **Christmas angels** which will be displayed for all to enjoy. We are also very pleased to welcome Don Rose who will present a program featuring **Sandy Rose's antique Fisher Price Toy collection**. And we will be playing the **Left-Right Christmas game** so please bring a \$5 gift to be used in playing the game. December Personal Care item is bath-size soap in original wrapping. Contributing more than one bar of soap is appreciated. All women are welcome. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 569-9959.



## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

*“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit”*



DECEMBER – it’s the season of giving and receiving gifts. Have you thought about the gifts that your Heavenly Father has given to you? They are the most precious gifts you have ever been given, as they represent how God sees you in service to Him.

The Bible often speaks of God’s special gifts to us. Romans 12:4-8 states:

*Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”*

God wants us to use the gifts He has given to us. Doesn’t it make us all happy when we see someone using and enjoying a gift we have given to that person? I am sure it is the same with God!

St. Peter’s has given all members the opportunity to determine the gifts that God has given them. There are no exceptions! 1 Corinthians 1:7 states, *“Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.”* So ... discover your gifts and use them to carry out God’s commission first given to Abraham, then the disciples, and now to us as members of God’s congregation: To be a blessing to all the people on earth, to teach and baptize and to bring all of God’s children into a saving relationship with Him. The job is awesome!

The Spiritual Gifts Assessment is available for your use at [www.stpeterslutheran.org](http://www.stpeterslutheran.org) under “Serve” and “Spiritual Gifts.” Questions about your spiritual gifts or how to use them? Please contact Mary Ann Frontz, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator.



### St. Peter’s Book Club

**ST. PETER’S BOOK CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the Cry Room. The book to be discussed will be decided at the November 21, 2017, meeting. Please watch the bulletin and Herald for details. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLine**

### **JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE DECEMBER 10TH**

Articles for the January 2018 “Herald” are due in the church office no later than **December 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email to [sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org). Thank you for your cooperation.



## **Pastor's Letter**

*As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease,  
may we your healing light release, living peace, living peace,  
unto your holy dawn.*

*~As Dark Awaits the Dawn, ELW 261*

In general, by this time of the year, we are starting to get a little jittery about getting Christmas decorations out of the closet and on display in our homes. We are planning for parties or family visits, while shopping for presents online and in the stores. We are thinking about meals and cookie baking and maybe even crafts that we will create with the little ones in our lives. There is an anxiety that accompanies the season that for most is a bit energizing and exciting.

This year, there is a different kind of anxiety that is anything but energizing and exciting. For we are living in a wrinkle of time that seems surreal given the level of violence in our world and the frequency with which it touches down in communities all over the globe. As I write, we are about a week out from the tragic shooting at the Sutherland Springs Baptist Church. My prayer is that by the time you read this, our headlines will have been mundane and boring and empty of further tragic shootings and attacks. But I will admit that I wonder to myself whether this is a realistic hope that I harbor in my heart. Our world seems to have changed dramatically in terms of the level of violence that surrounds us these days.

I see lots of fingers being pointed at proposed causes: the proliferation of guns and automatic weapons; the “take no prisoners” character of drug wars; the breakdown of the nuclear family; the gridlock of non-cooperation among leaders at the highest levels of our governments; the inability to regulate borders and screen out terrorists. On any given day, I could sign on with any one of these as the straw that has broken the camel’s back of civility in our world. But most days I simply look around me and see a level of violence in almost every corner of our lands that seems to continue to ramp up and spread like a viral garden weed. We love our violence in our sports, our movies and our electronic games. And I wonder if that desensitizes us to ever greater tolerance of violence everywhere else. I cannot be sure, of course. I’m no sociologist. But it has a feeling of truth to it, at least from my limited perspective.

If you dare to entertain the possibility that this is the world that we live in, then Advent is a season that should be as meaningful to you and me as any of our liturgical seasons throughout the year. Because Advent focuses upon the coming of the Prince of Peace. “*Come, O Prince of Peace, Come!*” That will be the opening to all of my prayers this Advent season. I cannot begin to hazard a guess as to what Jesus’s coming might mean for our world. I am no Pollyanna who expects magical solutions to problems that have developed over years, decades and even centuries. But I am a believer in the Lord of Life who is also the Prince of Peace – our savior who has come into our world to redeem and renew us in the messes we create, and save us from ourselves, if need be. Pray with me that this Jesus arrives in our lives early and often this Advent season.

See you in Church ...

**Pastor Craig**

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## **United Lutheran Seminary Graduation at St. Peter's**

The inaugural graduation of the new United Lutheran Seminary (a joining of the former two seminaries located in Gettysburg and Philadelphia) will be held at St. Peter's next year on Friday, May 18, 2018. Our United Lutheran Seminary is still housed on the two original campuses, and were seeking to find a graduation location roughly mid-way between the two campuses. St. Peter's was asked to host the graduation, and the Council endorsed the idea. We are privileged to be able to host this important event for our new United Lutheran Seminary.



## **Pastor Sarah's Message**

Dear friends in Christ,

The other day I was sitting down to dinner with my family, we said grace, and as the first forkful of food was lifted I turned to my husband and listed off three things that had to get done immediately in preparation for the Advent/Christmas season. We chewed on our food and on our ideas and plans in preparation of the season. As I finished my last forkful of food my daughter pointed to her green trick-or-treat pumpkin and asked to have some candy for dessert. That's when I realized that Halloween was "yesterday" and here we were planning for Christmas Eve and feeling like we were extremely behind schedule trying to make up for lost time. I scoff at big box stores for piling up the next holiday item before we can live in the current one, and here I find myself doing the same thing. If you are like me, there is a rush in this time of year.

As I type this letter, I see an Advent lectionary guide that we'll be using at New Day Praise service titled "The Long Road to Christmas" and I laugh a little. The long road? The road is too short! There's not enough time!

And yet the road is too long, marked with a lot of pain. These past few months have been quite painful for our nation and our world. Sometimes this time of year is an "escape" from the pain. I sometimes convince myself that if I just listen to one more Bing Crosby Christmas song or watch the Charlie Brown Christmas special for the third time in a row that the longing will subside. It is a long road to Christmas. It is a long road looking back to the Christ child born to Mary. And the road before us can feel quite long as we wait for Christ's return and for God's kingdom to be fully realized.



Perhaps this is why we pray the prayer, "Stir up your power, O Lord, and come." Perhaps this is why we begin this season by looking at the end of days because we know the final page of the story of salvation. Perhaps this is why we look to John the Baptist who calls us to repent from the things that are not of God. Perhaps this is why we need to witness once again to heroes of the faith like Mary and Joseph who said "yes" even as they faced real threats of terror, violence, oppression, and isolation.

Perhaps this is why we long for this season. We long to gather together in worship to witness the love born in a manger and to see this love incarnational in bread and wine and tangible in each other's care.

Yes, it is a long road, and on this road we walk together with saints past and saints present. We walk in boldness pointing to the king born to lead us on the road to life.

See you on "the way",

**Pastor Sarah**

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**RIGHT OF REFUSAL WAIVER FOR PHOTOS** — To insure the safety of our parishioners, St. Peter's has adopted a policy for the use of photos from various services, events and educational programs here at church. If you wish that your image or the image of your child(ren) NOT BE USED in any media that St. Peter's publishes, please pick up a "Right of Refusal Waiver" (a bright green form) from the literature racks in the narthex or at the Welcome Desk. For the form to be valid, a photo must be included with the form. Forms will be valid for the calendar year (until December 31). Each year a new form and updated photo will need to be filled. Please hand in the completed form with picture to the church office. Please contact Samantha Cuascut, Director of Children's Ministries if you have any questions.



## Letter From the Vicar

*Erős vár a mi Istenünk! [A Mighty Fortress is our God!]*

Advent begins on December 3<sup>rd</sup> this year and is the season of the church year that leads up to Christmas. Unfortunately, the true meaning of Christmas is either not known to everyone or has somehow been lost in all the rustle and bustle of the secular world during the Christmas season. Not every person on this earth is a Christian and then there are those with no faith tradition whatsoever. Sadly, I also would not be surprised if there are so-called Christians who have wandered away from the church and no longer know what the true meaning of Christmas is. Despite all of this, I believe I am safe to presume that there are Christians (and even non-Christians) who indeed do know what Christmas is really about. As for the Christians in this group, I also would presume some of them are aware that Advent is the time to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, who was sent to this earth as God's gift of love to all of humanity, so that Jesus could dwell among us and minister to us, and ultimately die on the cross for our sins. However, what is sometimes forgotten during Advent is that in addition to preparation, Advent is also a time of anticipation—we anticipate the second coming of Jesus who will give us eternal life. We know through Scripture that Jesus died on the cross for our sins as well as conquered death through his resurrection. In John 3:16-17 it is written: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

One thing all Christians can do to remind themselves about what the true meaning of Christmas is would be to focus their attention on the act of gift-giving, but specifically on the gift God gave to us that very first Christmas Day—Jesus



Christ, his only son! God's gift made known in Christ is truly the "reason for the season" which some folks also would argue is why "Christ" is in the word "Christmas." To reiterate the wonderful gift of Jesus Christ from God to us, I would recommend watching *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. I had the opportunity to play Linus in a church Christmas play when I was in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade so, as Linus, I was the one who revealed the true meaning of Christmas to a frustrated Charlie Brown who was agitated by seeing Christmas all around him, but noting that it appeared no one really knew the true meaning of Christmas as well as seeing that Christmas was shoved aside in favor of commercialism and business. Linus's monologue (Luke 2:8-14): *And there were in the same country shepherds, abiding*

*in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them! And they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not! For, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all my people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, and good will toward men. Yes, this is what Christmas is all about!*



Blessings & A Very Merry Christmas to All!

***Vicar Pal***



## From the Director of Music

### Light in Darkness

Every December (sometimes starting on the last Sunday in November), we in the church begin a season of preparation, Advent. This odd time seems so counter-cultural these days. With Christmas and other holiday decorations creeping out earlier and earlier, carols blaring from mall speakers, and radio stations infesting our cars with sentimental words about roasting chestnuts, it may feel like our message of waiting and hope falls on deaf ears. Everyone else seems to be celebrating already while we're saying, "not yet!"

Of course, we're not in so much denial that we pretend Jesus was never born; to say so would be to ignore Christ's death and resurrection. Instead, we pray to God, "stir up your power, and come," in hope that God would come into our lives at a time when we most need it. We also sing songs filled with images of light and hope. With the days approaching their shortest, we can't help but plead with God to again send Christ, the light of the world, into our lives. The fifth verse of Savior of the Nations, Come found in our hymnal summarizes it well:

*Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.*

This season of Advent, let us not pretend that Jesus has yet to be born. Instead, let us look forward to God's coming again among us. Let us hope in a promise fulfilled when the time comes that God will take all our muck and make it whole. When all else seems to be dread and fear and hate, let us sing of hope and light and wholeness. Let us show that same hope and light and wholeness that God promises to the world through our words and actions. And, when the world seems to be at its darkest hour, may transcendent light and love fill our hearts with the arrival of the Christ-child once again.

*Love has come – a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

**Adam Lefever Hughes, Director of Music**

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## St. Peter's Preschool

In this season of blessings and joy, our preschool would like to thank Rob Morrison and Joe Almoney for giving so much of their time and talent to help us keep our beautiful church playground resurfaced and safe for all to enjoy! Thank you for taking such good care of all of us.

Our hallways and classrooms are buzzing with happy children preparing for the birthday of Jesus! It's such a beautiful season and we are so lucky to share it with the wonderful preschool families, students and staff of St. Peter's Preschool. We are truly blessed to work in such a creative, joyful and fulfilling atmosphere, especially during the holidays.

Join us on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary, if you'd like to experience a truly festive start to your season. Our 4 and 5 year old classes will be singing their favorite Christmas songs for their moms and dads and families. It's such a fun concert and will totally get you feeling the spirit. You may also see Santa and his elf visiting the children that week! Santa promised to visit us as our children have been good little people so far this school year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our St. Peter's Lutheran Church friends!

**Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director**

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# ST. PETER'S KIDS!



December 1 – **Santa Workshop.** Need a night out without the kids? Then bring your children ages 4 (by December 1<sup>st</sup>) through 6th grade to our Santa's Workshop. A registration form is available on the Children's Ministries' board located outside of the church office or you can register online at <https://stpeterslutheran.org/santa-workshop>. The evening will be from 5pm-8pm on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Dinner will be served in the café followed by many fun activities, including the children "shopping" for small gifts for their families (ages 4 through 4th grade only). The 5th and 6th graders will have their own seasonal activities (no "shopping" for this age). The suggested donation for this fun event is \$5 per child or \$10 per family (whichever is cheapest!) Please note: This event is open to church members and prospective church members only. See Miss Samantha with any questions.



December 9 – **Breakfast with Santa-** Mark your calendars for this fun community event which will take place beginning at 9am in the Family Life Center. The morning will feature a pancake breakfast (back by popular demand), free professional photos, meet and greet with Santa and a puppet show. No pre-registration is required, however, if you pre-register at <https://stpeterslutheran.org/santa-breakfast> by December 6 you will receive a "fast-pass" to Santa and will be able to meet with Santa between 8:30 and 9am. A free will offering will be collected.

December 10 – **Sunday School Children Singing (Joyful Noise Choir)** – Miss Jill Pretz will lead the Sunday School children age 2 through Kindergarten as they make a joyful noise at the 10:45 traditional service during the Children's Sermon time. Parents...mark your calendars so your children don't miss out!



December 24 and December 31 – **No Sunday School** – Due to the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day holiday, there will be no Sunday school on December 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>. Sunday school will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.



January 21<sup>st</sup> – **Parent Breakfast** – Miss Samantha will host a Parent Breakfast on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in the Café during the Sunday School hour (beginning at 9:15 a.m.). If you are a parent of a young child, please consider joining us to learn more about Children's Ministries at St. Peter's and get to know other parents of young children and Miss Samantha! To sign up, email Samantha or sign up online at:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E45A8A72CA1FC1-sunday](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E45A8A72CA1FC1-sunday)

**Rotation Sunday School kids** are participating in the ELCA's **Good Gifts** campaign. From **November 26<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>**, kids are encouraged to bring in their spare change and donations. A display is set up in the Narthex. The children will set a goal to try to raise enough money to buy certain gifts selected as a group.

ELCA  
GOOD  
GIFTS



**Volunteers needed for upcoming events!** Looking ahead, we will need volunteers to assist with the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th. If you are able to help out, please contact Samantha Cuascut at [scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org) to get started! If you'd like to be part of the planning, join us for our **next Children's Ministries meeting on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in Samantha's office!

## Faith in Action at Home: Giving as a family

Share the love this Christmas season by giving gifts as a family to those less fortunate. Consider selecting a recipient from the tree in the youth lounge and make it a point to shop for the gift as a family, talking about the importance of helping those less fortunate. Or, bake some cookies or take a small gift to an elderly person in your neighborhood. It's always better to give than to receive, even for kids!



## Sunday School Format Reminder:

**Our Junior Explorer** (preschool and kindergarten) **Sunday school classes** follow a traditional format. You may take your child to his/her classroom at 9:15 am, and then at 10:15 am, pick up your child in the same classroom.

**Age 2/3 – Nursery; Age 4 – Bunny Room; Kindergarten - Frog Room**

**Rotation Sunday School** is for children in grades 1 through grade 4. All Bible Explorers meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:15am every Sunday for an opening. From there, guides (adult volunteers) will lead them to their rotation activity. Because your child will be doing a different activity each week, their pick up room changes each Sunday. Check the Children's Ministries' bulletin board to see where you should pick up your child each week.

*If you have any questions, contact Samantha Cuascut, Director of Children's Ministries at [scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)*



## Youth & Family Ministry News...

Please note that the events for our youth group have changed. Some events are age specific!

### Calendar

Friday, December 1st -



**Santa Workshop**  
**5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**



**Club 56** will create gingerbread houses – bring candy decorations to share  
**Grades 7 and up** are needed to help with the event  
**Sign up on the youth board or in your classroom.**

Sunday, December 3rd

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Christmas Dinner Theater practice**-Dinner provided.

Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Christmas Caroling at Dickey's BBQ** restaurant –  
Lincoln Highway East – 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Dinner Theater** – 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Youth Servers Needed** (grades 5 and up) Please wear a white shirt and dark bottoms.

**Youth Sunday School will be off on Sundays December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> – we will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.**



### 2018 Youth Winter Retreat Dates:

February 2-4- Grades 9-12 at Camp Kirchenwald

February 16–18 Grades 5-8 at Camp Kirchenwald

**Watch for registration information in January.**



**Sister Dottie Almoney, Parish Deaconess** [dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

**ST. PETER'S YOUTH** will be selling **Landis Car Wash** tickets before and after services to help raise funds to go to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018. Landis Car Wash is located at 746 S. Broad St., Lititz. An exterior car wash ticket is \$8 and an interior/exterior car wash ticket is \$17. There is no expiration date on the ticket. You can also get tickets by contacting Sally Longenderfer at [solongenderfer@gmail.com](mailto:solongenderfer@gmail.com) and she will make sure you get them! They are great Christmas presents and stocking stuffers. So help support our youth and do some holiday shopping at the same time!

## Camp Corner

Although people typically think about camp over the summer months, the Lutheran Camping Corporation has activities at camp throughout the winter! Check out these upcoming camp events:



December 9 at the Wittel Farm

**Advent Day Apart:** All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ child.

January 5-7 at Kirchenwald

**Winter Youth Retreat:** Grades 3-9 are invited to camp for snow soccer, broom hockey, sledging, Bible study, and worship.

More information on the camp bulletin board across from the church office or contact Joy and Lyle Hosler at 717-560-4753 or [joy@hoslerfamily.net](mailto:joy@hoslerfamily.net).

## Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for December

	<b>ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER *both Acolyte &amp; Crossbearer</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>BREAD &amp; WINE PRESENTERS</b>
<b>December 3 8:00 am</b>	Ling Ling Courtois	Eric May	Clint Frontz Diane Gegg	Steve & Diane Gegg, Rejean Carlson, Liz, Sean & Iain O'Brien	Patti Courtois, Linda Siems
<b>10:45 am</b>	Rory McConnell*	Jeffrey Pretz	Mindy Rottmund Greta Ruth	Scott & Sharon Breeden, Chris Shimer, Glen Hauck, Brad & Karen Ayars	Jeff & Anneliese Owens
<b>December 10 8:00 am</b>	Morgan Stuhltrager	Ena Marie Banks		Larry Wilcox, Gene Olson, Bob Courtois, George Swan, Terry & Marianne Beasley	
<b>10:45 am</b>	Ethan Groff*	Steve Roberts	Kenneth Benner, Thompson McConnell	Brian Tolbert, Scott Glassford Robert & Shirley Gorner, Joann & Jillian Gorner	Bob & Pam Preston
<b>December 17 8:00 am</b>	Mitchell Burkholder	Marianne Beasley	Susan Ketchum Karen Peiffer	Jason, Carin, Julia & Nathan Leisure, Ena Marie Banks, Mark Brandenburger	Mark & Melanie Burkholder
<b>10:45 am</b>	Emily Beauregard*	Craig Rodenberger		Jim & Jane Savidge, Thompson, Betsy, Rory & Niamh McConnell	
<b>December 24 9:45 a.m.</b>	Sean O'Brien*	Adam Shaffer	John Burke Cindy Stauffer	Tom Rothfus, Tom & Jean Haus, Rich & Ann Larrick	
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	TBA	Nicolette Simon	Randy & Debbie Shue	Christ, Bob, Braden & Kyra Rishell	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Ethan Groff	Thompson McConnell	Nancy Pokopec Jeffrey Pretz	Dave, Lis, David & Jessica Wolf, Greg & Sherry Moul	Bob & Patti Courtois
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	TBA*	Jill Emmert	James Lehman Karen Peiffer	Kevin, Stephanie, Mary Beth & Meg Palic	
<b>10:00 p.m.</b>	Rory McConnell	Cindy Stauffer	Eric May Margaret Strausser Mary Jane Wilcox	TBA	
<b>December 31 9:45 a.m. (Combined with New Day)</b>		Margaret Strausser	Shirley Gorner Janet Roberts	Tom Chever, Dennis Maurer, Ted Andrews, Harry & Kelly Lutz, Russell Vollmer	

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## Worship Leader Coordinators

**Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer:** Sylvia Lashley 872-4309  
**Altar Guild:** Betsy Linn 618-9615  
**AV Room:** Paul Berkebille 569-7209  
**Bread & Wine Presenter:** Jennifer Lehman 519-8851  
**CD & Flower Delivery:** Christine Smith 299-0949  
**Communion Assistants:** Karen Peiffer 569-3643

**Greeters:** Leigh Trayer 271-9268  
**Lectors:** Thom McConnell 581-0068  
**Nursery:** Patti Courtois 898-1898  
**Ushers:** Nancy Beauregard 295-9814  
& Beth Bigler 569-7843  
**Welcome Center:** Mary Ann Oberholtzer 898-7823

## **Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for December (continued)**

	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>WELCOME CENTER</b>	<b>AV/LIGHTING</b>	<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD COORD.</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>
<b>December 3 8:00 am</b>	Tom & Pat Badorf	Pam Hoffmaster Christine Ponti	Tom Chever	Julie Gotwald Alyssa Kerper	Deb Shue Lori Weaver	Burkholder Family
<b>10:45 am</b>	Dick & Loretta Chubb	Dave & Lis Wolf	Joe Almoney	Karen Beck Alyssa Kerper	Deb Shue Lori Weaver	Loretta Chubb Linda Gall
<b>December 10 8:00 am</b>	Mark & Jan Gillford	John & Kathy Burke	Angela Moshos	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Alyssa Kerper		
<b>10:45 am</b>	Dan & Carol Johnson	Mark & Carla Cardin	David Wolf	Ed & Tricia Cortes Alyssa Kerper	Deb Shue Lori Weaver	Sharon Breeden Lois Vollmer
<b>December 17 8:00 am</b>	Dennis & Louise Sittler	Ron & Joan Beck	Mark Burkholder	Mary Ann Oberholtzer, Alyssa Kerper	Deb Shue Lori Weaver	Bill & Linda Montgomery
<b>10:45 am</b>	Brian & Barbara Tolbert	Dick & Loretta Chubb	Bob Preston	Ed & Christina Borkenhagen, Alyssa Kerper		
<b>December 24 9:45 a.m.</b>	Robert & Shirley Gorner	James & Martha Fulmer	Paul Berkebile	TBD Alyssa Kerper	Deb Shue Lori Weaver	Nancy Miller Shirley Dombach
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Clarence Simon Pat Lutz	Dee Vulgaris	Bill Schlener	N/A	Betsy Linn	Bigler Family
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Richard & Anne Wolf	Geoff & Kathy Groff	Dave Tilley	N/A	Betsy Linn	Wolf Family
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Pat Conlon Cathy Deebel	Larry & Sylvia Miller	TBD	TBD Alyssa Kerper	Betsy Linn	Carol Esbenshade Deb Shue
<b>10:00 p.m.</b>	Nancy Shimer Chris Shimer	Mary Ann Oberholtzer	Randy Ketchum	N/A	Betsy Linn	Anna Mae Kenyon
<b>December 31 9:45 a.m. (Combined with New Day)</b>	Christine Ponti Susie Roderick	Pat Conlon Stephanie Palic	Bob Preston	Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper		

### **NURSERY AT 9:15 A.M.**

December 3: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

December 10: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

December 17: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

## December Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient	Date	Deliverer	Recipient
12/03	JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller	12/17	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Velma Newcomer
	Laretta Stutzman	Anna Wetzler		Betz Lind	Anna Dowie
12/10	John & Kathy Burke	Bob & Janet Kemp	12/24 12/25	ALL DELIVER	ALL RECEIVE
	Margy Stigelman	Mary Kemmerer	12/31	NO DELIVERIES	NO DELIVERIES



## NARTHEX COFFEE BAR

**December 3** - Helpers & Bakers - TBD  
**December 10** - Helpers - Sharon Breeden; Bakers - TBD  
**December 17** - Helpers - Lis & Anne Wolf; Bakers - Anne Wolf  
**December 24** - No Coffee Bar "Merry Christmas!"  
**December 31** - No Coffee Bar "Happy New Year 2018!"



Thanks to all our faithful members who provide baked goods and serve coffee. **We are always looking for helpers and bakers!!** If you love to bake, we need you. As always, we thank Laretta Stutzman, Ann & Rich Larrick and Tim Fickes for picking up the donated baked goods from Giant. Have questions? Please feel free to send Lis Wolf an email at [lcwolf01@hotmail.com](mailto:lcwolf01@hotmail.com)



NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — DECEMBER 2017			
	December 3	December 10	December 17
<b>Lector</b>	Henry Stover	Ben Armitage	Megan Thompson
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Peter Murdock	N/A	Molly Olmsted
<b>Ushers</b>	Heath & Anna Edelman	John & Janet Hess	Tim & Sharon Fickes
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Emily & Sarah Bromirski	Sharon Schaefer	Morgan Stuhltrager
<b>A/V Sound</b>	Scott Fyfe	Dave Tilley	Scott Fyfe
<b>Coffee Bar</b>	Catherine Stover	Beth Soslow	Amanda Sprague

**DECEMBER 24TH & DECEMBER 31ST—UNIFIED SERVICE**  
**NEW DAY WILL WORSHIP WITH TRADITIONAL AT 9:45 A.M.**

## ST. PETER'S ART HALLWAY

### DON'T MISS OUR NEWEST DISPLAYS!

St. Peter's is pleased to present two of our talented members...  
Jeffrey H. Pretz and Emily Preston. The Art Hallway is just past the Chapel and Choir Room, turn left.

**ART in WOOD by JEFFREY H. PRETZ** - "Wood carving has become a wonderful hobby and creative outlet for me. When I was in Cub Scouts I remember "carving" a cardboard woodpecker with an emery board. I did not do any serious carving until about 1980 when some of my colleagues and I were at Camp Kirchenwald for Confirmation Camp and we started carving walking sticks. For the next 20 years I was carving a walking stick each summer at Camp Kirchenwald. Since 2001, I moved from carving walking sticks to snowmen to caricatures to spoons. I joined the Lancaster County Wood Carvers Club which has a festival every March. I have copied the carvings of others, but most of my carvings are uniquely mine. Mostly I use knives and gouges to create my carvings. I really enjoy holding my work in my hand as I carve. I have carved hundreds of pieces ranging in size from tiny snowmen carvings to 42" Hank the Garden Gnome. Most of my carvings are done simply for my enjoyment and as gifts. For Christmas, about 5 years ago, I carved 85 napkin holders as gifts for family and friends. Each holder was made from a 2" cube with the four flat faces bearing Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Art images. These images were inspired from a blanket chest painted by my grandfather as a wedding gift for my parents. This project was featured in Woodcarving Illustrated a few years ago. About a year and a half ago I started carving spoons and bowls. These are all done with knives and gouges and are finished with Mineral Oil and Beeswax so they are food safe. Take a look at my carvings in the Art Hallway beginning this December. *Thanks for the opportunity to show off my creativity and growing skill by the Grace of God.*"

**EMILY PRESTON**, daughter of Bob and Pam Preston, is a sophomore at Kutztown University, working toward her BFA degree in Communication Design. Emily enjoys the process of creating and will be displaying various examples of her work including illustration, digital design, and other forms in the Art Hallway.



### FROM THE ARCHIVES

Our church published a cookbook in 1950 called **Neffsville's Favorite Recipes**. In addition to recipes from many of St. Peter's fine cooks ranging from Green Tomato Relish (Mrs. Clara Lausch) to Flannel Cakes (Mrs. Amos Kreider), there were also several off-topic pages. One in particular was devoted to BEAUTY HINTS and how to avoid wrinkles. It reads: *Start by getting as much rest and sleep as possible -- avoid worrying -- try to keep your facial muscles under control -- avoid excessive frowning, squinting and other habits which may tend to form wrinkles. A well lighted home will help to avoid squinting. Massage wrinkles with a rotary and upward motion followed by a good astringent.* Thank you to Rhoda Goss for recently donating this cookbook to our Archives!



CHECK OUT ST. PETER'S FACEBOOK PAGE!  
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



## LOOKING AHEAD

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

### **Friday, December 1**

5:00 p.m. - Santa's Workshop (FLC/Café/CM)  
7:00 p.m. - Musical Arts Concert (Sanctuary)

### **Saturday, December 2**

10:00 a.m. - Clothing Bank (Youth Lounge)  
10:00 a.m. - Musical Rehearsal

### **Sunday, December 3**

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal

### **Monday, December 4**

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room 123)  
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Club 56)  
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)  
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

### **Tuesday, December 5**

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
1:00 p.m. - 50+ Christmas Program (Sanctuary)  
1:30 p.m. - Rostered Text Study (Conference Room)  
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Conference Room)  
6:00 p.m. - Youth at Dickey's BBQ

### **Wednesday, December 6**

7:00 a.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)  
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)  
2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)  
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)  
6:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)  
7:00 p.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)  
7:00 p.m. - Word of Life Bible Study (Room 100)

### **Thursday, December 7**

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Christmas Meal (Eden Resort)  
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)  
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)  
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### **Friday, December 8**

Herald Articles Due  
9:00 a.m. - Preparation for Santa Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Augsburg Alley/Room 124)  
12:00 p.m. - Set up for Cookie Walk

### **Saturday, December 9**

9:00 a.m. - Cookie Walk (Narthex)  
9:00 a.m. - Santa Breakfast (FLC/Café/Library)  
5:00 p.m. - Just for Fun - Home of Glen Hauck & Julie Tritch

### **Sunday, December 10**

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Baptism (Family Life Center)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)  
5:30 p.m. - Dinner Theater (Café/FLC/Kitchen)

### **Monday, December 11**

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley, Room 123)  
6:30 P.M. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Club 56)  
7:00 p.m. - Church Council (Off-Site)  
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)  
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

### **Tuesday, December 12**

1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Conference Room)  
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Baptismal Counseling (Sanctuary)  
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (Reflections Restaurant)

### **Wednesday, December 13**

7:00 a.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Chapel)  
6:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)  
7:00 p.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)  
7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Word of Life Bible Study (Room 100)

### **Thursday, December 14**

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Augsburg Alley/Room 123)  
11:00 a.m. - Sages Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)  
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### **Saturday, December 16**

10:00 a.m. - Musical Rehearsal

### **Sunday, December 17**

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)  
6:00 p.m. - Darkest Night Service (Sanctuary)



## LOOKING AHEAD (continued)

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

### Monday, December 18

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room 123)  
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Club 56)  
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)  
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

### Tuesday, December 19

9:30 a.m. - Program Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
11:00 a.m. - Sages Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Intern Committee (Cry Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)

### Wednesday, December 20

7:00 a.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)  
6:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)  
7:00 p.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)  
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

### Thursday, December 21

10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
11:00 a.m. - Sages Christmas Service (Sanctuary)  
12:00 p.m. - Sages Luncheon (Café)  
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)  
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)  
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### Sunday, December 24

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center)  
9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)  
3:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Family Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Family Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:30 p.m. - WOLD Christmas Eve Service (Chapel)  
7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

### Monday, December 25

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 27

6:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

### Saturday, December 30

10:00 a.m. - Musical Rehearsal & Pizza Party

### Sunday, December 31

9:45 a.m. - Combined Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)  
12:00 p.m. - Preparation for Pork & Sauerkraut Meal (Kitchen)  
5:00 p.m. - WOLD New Year's Eve Celebration (Chapel/Narthex)



If you have any questions,  
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Thank you!

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*Editor & Parish Secretary*

