



“The Herald” Newsletter

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

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“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says *the Lord ... to give you a future with hope.*”
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

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A Thank You to St. Peter’s Volunteers



It is virtually impossible to thank all those volunteers who worked so hard this holiday season here at St. Peter’s in the many expressions of our ministries, but here is an attempt. To **worship leaders** and **musicians** who brought such a spirit of joy and faithfulness to our services. To **Christian Education** and **youth leaders** who helped teach the faith with a variety of activities and lessons. To **Altar Guild** members who so diligently set up for and cleaned up the wide variety of seasonal worship services. To our **Property volunteers**, who had additional set ups and events to prepare for and clean up from. To our **Social Ministry workers** who helped us concentrate our outreach efforts both near and far in so many wonderful special appeals. To our **office volunteers** who helped to proofread, collate, mail, and organize the huge amount of work and mail that was generated out of the Church Office. To our **Fellowship helpers**, who worked so hard to offer us times to play and laugh and socialize together. To our **Communications Committee** workers who so ably “told the story” of St. Peter’s ministries to our community this season. For our **Council** and **committee leaders**, who found time in a busy month to keep their groups organized and productive. To our **Children and Youth** who are tangible reminders of the grace which entered the world through the Child Jesus, and through their lives among us. And to all our **Stewards** who made special gifts of time, talent, and treasure in the spirit of the child born in Bethlehem . . .

*To all of you, a hearty thank you
for all the ways in which you
embody the spirit of ministry and
service here in our St. Peter’s
community of faith.*

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Sunday, January 7: *The Baptism of our Lord*

Council & Officer Installation at all Worship Services

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*

Sunday, January 14: *The Second Sunday of Epiphany*

New Day Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

--*Sister Dottie preaches*

Traditional Service of the Word at 8:00 a.m.

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

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

Sunday, January 21: *The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

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.

--*Vicar Pal preaches*

Sunday, January 28: *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Youth Sunday

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

--*Our Youth "preach" through the use of a Youth Drama*

--*New Day and Traditional worship are combined today.*



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 7th. We will formally install our 2018 Congregation Council along with our Congregational Officers, while also saying thank you to those who have concluded their service in the 2017 year.

Church Office Closed for New Year's Day Observance

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd.



Adult Christian Education

Weekdays

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — Pastor Ross' Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues its study of the Book of Mark this month, as we enter Jesus' preaching ministry using parables, continue with healings and miracles, and enter the early stages of resistance against Jesus. Please join us as we study the Bible in an engaged setting of discussion and presentation. Remember also, that as we study Mark, we are also reading Sunday Gospel Lessons from Mark, as we are in Year 2 of our common lectionary. This month's schedule is as follows:

January 3 – Mark 4:1-41

January 10 – Mark 5:1-42

January 17 – Mark 6:1-29

January 24 – Mark 6:30-56

January 31 – Mark 7:1-37



The class meets Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Café area. Bring a Bible and a friend. Modest snacks, coffee and tea are provided.

Elevate Bible Study — This class will now meet Thursday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 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.



January Pub Theology — Tuesday, January 17th – 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced. Come for dinner and drinks or just drinks and discussion. RSVP to Sister Dottie if you can attend. (dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).

Sunday Morning Classes – 9:15-10:15 a.m.

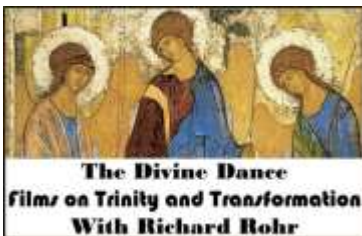
St. Peter's offers three distinct classes for our adults during the Sunday School hour

Crosspoints (Conference Room)

This semester will be a mix of Lutheran Theology and doctrine, church history and famous Christians.

Faith and Values (Room 100)

We begin the New Year thinking about relationships, and what better way than our relationship with God. Join us during the month of January for conversation and videos featuring world-renowned inspirational speaker, Richard Rohr.



January 7: God Has To Be Three

January 14: Participatory Identity

January 21: Trinitarian Love

January 28: Sitting Inside the Divine Dance

Faith and Values meets on Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am, Room 100. 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 this class will explore in depth the Gospel reading for that day.

Social Ministry



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

Our January Distribution Day is Saturday, January 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please contact Molly Olmsted at astaloo@me.com if you can help.

January Community Meal

Our January meal will be January 3rd at Grace Lutheran Church in Lancaster.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Jan Gigl at ronjangigl@comcast.net for more information on how to help!



Community Meal

Toothbrushes are needed!

Indigent inmates at Lancaster County Prison are in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste as some are unable to afford the cost of necessities at LCP. The House in the Narthex will be accepting donations through the end of January. Please contact Elizabeth Donnelly with any questions at lizaredesq@msn.com.

Fellowship Events

New Year's Day Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

Monday, January 1st

11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Questions can be directed to Peter Murdock at pbmurdock@yahoo.com



Women's Winter Retreat

Friday, January 19th through Sunday, January 21st

Camp Kirchenwald

Cost: \$80.00

Our Theme will be “Called to Live in Community” which will focus on how we live in our respective family, church, local and global communities as a Christian woman. We will explore what it means to live in community, how to agree to disagree in community and how to respond to the needs of our communities. Information can be found on the adult ministry bulletin board or by contacting Sister Dottie at dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org.

Please Thank a Coffee Bar Volunteer — They serve us by making coffee, making sure treats are out and many times baking treats themselves. It is a thankless job and let's show them gratitude, kindness and understanding if coffee isn't made as quickly as we would like. This is a hospitality ministry that many of us take for granted. Volunteers are always needed. If you are a beneficiary of their hospitality, won't you consider signing up to help out a Sunday or two? Contact Lis Wolf if you can help - lcwolf01@hotmail.com. Many thanks for your consideration.

Sister Dottie Almoney

Membership News

New Member Kiosk

Have you been attending St. Peter's for a while and you're not sure who is a new member? In our lobby area there is a kiosk with the pictures of new members and their families. Be sure to check out their picture and when you see them in person offer them a big welcome. It has only been a few months since these wonderful new folks have joined our faith family, and your extra effort can go a long way to help them be part of our community of faith!

New Member Classes: March 4 & March 11

We will be having classes for visitors who would like to consider becoming members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Classes will gather at 9:15 a.m. on March 4 and 11. The first session will focus on meeting the pastors and fellow new members. The second session will focus on ministries of the church as well as getting connected to members of the St. Peter's family. Interested? Contact Pastor Sarah Teichmann (steichmann@StPeterslutheran-lanc.org) or Pastor Craig Ross (craig@StPeterslutheran-lanc.org) or call the church at (717) 569-9211.

Health and Wellness Committee



Making a resolution for Healthy Vision

Glaucoma is a leading cause of vision loss and blindness in the United States. People are often unaware: glaucoma has no symptoms in its early stages! Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the eye's optic nerve. The most common type? Open-angle glaucoma.

If detected early, before noticeable vision loss occurs, glaucoma can usually be controlled and severe vision loss can often be prevented. Vision that is lost from glaucoma *cannot* be restored.

Anyone can get glaucoma, but those at higher risk include:

- African Americans over age 40
- Everyone over age 60, especially Hispanics/Latinos
- People with a family history of the disease

Almost 3 million people ages 40 and older have glaucoma, yet only half know it.

So, when thinking about those New Year resolutions, put: 'have my vision checked' first. Call your eye doctor today, and asked to get screened for Glaucoma.

Communications Committee: The Website Is Your Friend!

January 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 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.

Financial Report

November 2017 Financial Information

		Year to Date		Year to Date
	Month	Actual		Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$ 69,177	\$ 820,632	\$	857,155
General Fund Expenses	\$ 86,207	\$ 863,515	\$	857,155
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (17,030)	\$ (42,883)	\$	-
Debt Reduction Receipts	\$ 11,512	\$ 135,995	\$	138,875
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$ 13,230	\$ 143,083	\$	138,875
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,718)	\$ (7,088)	\$	-
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (18,748)	\$ (49,971)		

Prayer Chain Ministry

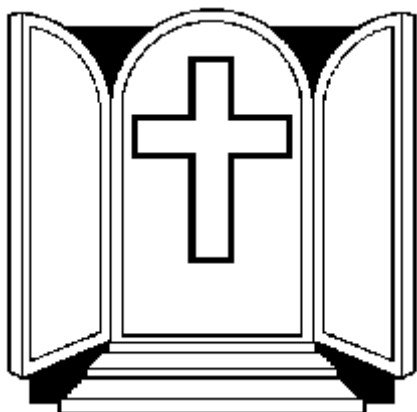
From Your Prayer Chain.....

As we begin a New Year, your Prayer Chain would like to invite you to join us! If you would like to do something to help your church and would like to do something from your home on your own time, then we might be a good fit for you! You will receive about 10 requests per week and we pray for those request for up to 2 weeks. You will also receive a listing of about 25 church member families that you pray for at least twice per year. We have an optional book study in late Spring and an All Member Meeting in the Fall. Almost all of our communication is done by email, so you pray when it suits your schedule. If you think this committee might be a good fit for you, please contact either Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406 or Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 for more information or to sign up!



Poem Prayer for January 2018

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



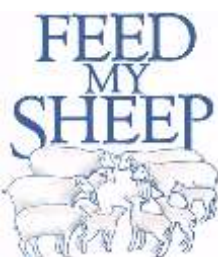
A New Year of Possibilities

As I turn a new page of my calendar
What do you think I see?
It's a world of bright possibilities
Waiting out there just for me.

I can hold the hand of a patient
Who is suffering from pain and distress
Or help to feed that homeless man
And treat him with tenderness.

Life is like an open door
Waiting for us to come in
We proceed hand in hand with our Father
And He tells us where to begin.

Happy New Year to All!



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in January: *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!*

The Tanzania Mission Committee

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE TANZANIA MISSION COMMITTEE:

TO ST. PETER'S PARISHIONERS: We couldn't have done it without you! The 11th annual Cookie Walk was a huge success through your effort and excellent baking. The cookies were amazing again this year, and we had a wonderful, fun and festive event on Saturday, December 9. The final numbers from the cookie sale were \$5,005, plus \$200 in donations. All money from the Cookie Walk goes directly to the Busoka orphans for education, educational supplies and food. Thank you so much for your kindness, generosity and support. Blessings to you all.



Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Making Music is Fun!

Handbell ensembles resume rehearsals Monday, January 8th and vocal choirs resume Thursday, January 11th. See below for a full schedule:

Jubilate Choir (1st-5th grade vocal choir, meets Thursdays from 6:00-6:30 p.m.)

Youth Choir (6th-12th grade vocal choir, meets Thursdays from 6:35-7:15 p.m.)

Herald Choir (10:45 a.m. adult vocal choir, meets Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m.)

Canticle Choir (8:00 a.m. adult vocal choir, meets between services, schedule can be provided)

Exsultate Ringers (beginner/youth handbell ensemble, meets Mondays from 6:30-7:15 p.m.)

St. Peter's Ringers (experienced/adult handbell ensemble, meets Mondays from 7:30-8:30 p.m.)

Singers of all abilities are welcome in all groups. All that is asked is a good attitude and a willingness to try. If you'd like to join a handbell ensemble, please contact Adam to determine the best place for you. More ringers are welcome in both ensembles! There is a place for you!

Musical Arts Concert – Saturday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.

The next Musical Arts concert will be Saturday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. The Manor Winds, a local woodwind quintet, will present a program of chamber works in our lovely Sanctuary. Come for a warm evening of beautiful music. Ten percent of the free-will offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief in response to the weather disasters last summer.

Church Musical Rehearsals

Rehearsals for *It's Cool in the Furnace* are slated for January 13th and January 20th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. We'll begin working on movement during the musical as well as the songs. The musical will be presented Saturday, February 11th at 3:00 p.m in the sanctuary with a party to follow in the FLC/Café.

Special Music Opportunities

Opportunities for special music include January 7th, 8:00 a.m.; January 14th, 8:00 a.m.; and January 21st, 8:00 a.m. Other services are available, but these have an acute need. Contact Adam to determine details. Accompaniment and/or pieces to play can be provided!

Thank you!

A big thank you to all our musicians at St. Peter's for a fantastic Christmas season. We shared the good news of Jesus, God With Us, with beautiful singing, joyous ringing, and hearts full of praise. Please take a moment to thank all who use their time, talent, and skills to enhance our worship for these festival days.



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 Almoney at dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org or Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director at lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org.



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 and Facebook page www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaaster, or check out wgal.com for updated information.

Groups and Events



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 is The Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly. Everyone who has read this book has really enjoyed the story of three women living during WWII who have entirely different wartime experiences. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please contact Mary Ann Frontz if you have any questions.

WELCA — **Come to WELCA on Thursday, January 11th** at 9:00 a.m. in Room 124. After a light breakfast is served we will welcome as our speaker Tim Breneisen, Manager of Solid Waste and Recycling for the City of Lancaster. He will present a program entitled "What's In the Bin?" He will discuss the many aspects of recycling such as identifying types of recyclables, preparing them for recycling and reviewing the benefits of recycling. All women are welcome. Our Personal Care Kit item for January is adult-size toothbrushes in original wrapping. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 569-9959.



FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE JANUARY 10TH

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

Articles for the February 2018 "Herald" are due in the church office no later than **January 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email to sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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

HOW DO YOU USE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS AT ST. PETER’S?

When our Stewardship Chair, Steve Roberts, gave his Temple Talk on Sunday, November 26, he spoke about Stewardship that was not in the form of money. We all have gifts from God that are given to us to share with others and they are all part of Stewardship. Our church is special to all of us and we all receive inspiration, guidance, and hope from the preaching, singing, services and ministries at St. Peter’s. So many people give their time and talent to make these happen. Perhaps we don’t think about the time and commitment it takes to make God’s ministry at St. Peter’s available to our members.

Can You Make Coffee?

So, think about what you could do to help. For instance, we need more people to serve at the Coffee Bar on Sunday mornings. This may not seem like anything big, but it is! Some months ago, I was talking to someone who was thinking of visiting St. Peter’s, and her first question was, “Do you have a Coffee Bar?” That question reminded me that all services we give to the church are important in ministry. If you have the gift of Hospitality, or if you just really like to bake goodies, make coffee for people, and contribute to the Fellowship of our members, this is for you!

If you would like to help in this ministry, please contact Lis Wolf (717-560-0896). I know she would appreciate it! AND, when you are getting coffee and some goodies on Sunday mornings, don’t forget to thank these servants who are sharing their ministry in this special way!

Blessings to all,

Mary Ann Frontz, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator

Library News



◇ The Library Cart will be in the Narthex on Sunday, January 21st. We are happy that this has created renewed interest in our Church Library and hope that it will continue!

◇ PLEASE REMEMBER to return borrowed library books after having the book for one month.

There is a basket for returned Library books on the shelf in the office and another basket for returned library books in the library on the shelf to the right of the entrance door. Please be diligent about returning books in order to give others a chance to borrow them.

◇ Thank you for the new books that are being donated for the Library. However, PLEASE speak to Pat Ross or Mary Ann Frontz before dropping off your books to the Library. Thank you!

◇ Some new books you may find on our shelves:

A Man Called Ove – Backman

Commonwealth – Patchett

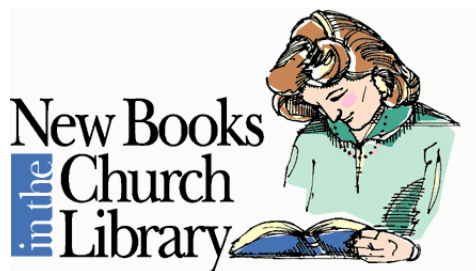
Angels on Earth – Schroff

Olive Kitteridge – Strout

Eat Pray Love – Gilbert

Lutheranism – Gritsch

Children’s Books: Age 3 & under; Ages 4-6, Grades 1-3, Grades 4-5; Teens





Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends:

In the Church crowd, we know it as “The Name of Jesus” festival. The world calls it New Year’s Day. Both occur on January 1st, as we start off the year of 2018. I obviously recognize that even church folks don’t pay attention to the Name of Jesus festival, because we are so rarely in church on January 1st. But I call your attention to it this month as a point of reflection on the New Year. Anyone who breathes and takes nourishment has heard more than their fair share of “New Year’s resolution” talk. We are obsessed as a culture with “newness” and from a human perspective, fresh starts give us a chance to jettison old habits and adopt new ones. While I can be a bit Scroogish around this time of the year with our cultural obsessions, even I get the *elan* of that.

In some ways, New Year’s resolutions are an attempt to name ourselves anew. You define yourself differently, with the intent of becoming that definition. You gift yourself a new “name,” and strive to live into that name. New January names that are routinely popular ones across our lands are ones like ... *Mr. Skinnier* ... *Mrs. Healthier* ... *Sir Non-smoker* ... *Ms. Thriftier* ... *Madam Exerciser*. We state publicly or privately who we want to become, and try to make that dubbing more than just a hollow name ... but a new reality.



Fair enough. Goals rarely do us harm when we set them for ourselves, even when we don’t meet them, or don’t meet them as completely as we hoped. So have at it. But maybe this year, as you start the year off your traditional names of *Sauerkraut Eater* ... or *Bowl Game Watcher* ... or *Couch Denizen* ... consider the names of the one from whom we have all taken our spiritual name of Christian. Remember some of the names that have been gifted to Jesus ... *Wonderful Counselor* ... *Savior* ... *Redeemer* ... *King of Kings and Lord of Lords* ... *Deliverer* ... *Son of God* and *Son of Man*.



Remember also, the names that define us in relation to Jesus ... *Child of God* ... *Friend of Jesus* ... *Baptized* ... *Heir to Christ* ... *Saint*. And remember that while we will not be in worship on January 1st, we will observe Name Tag Sunday the following Sunday, January 7th. Celebrate that together with your fellow worshipers, and start off the year with a clear statement that you embrace the various names God has bestowed upon you. Yes, on the 7th I hope to ...

See you in Church ...

Pastor Craig

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A Thank-You from the Ross Family

Thanks
for Your
Kindness



Pastor Ross and his family extend their thanks to many of you for your prayers and well-wishes this season, along with the beautiful Christmas cards, the tasty treats, the generous gifts, and the thoughtful donations to local charities in our honor. Your support of us in this community is greatly appreciated. We all wish you blessings the remainder of the Christmas season, and a Happy New Year.

~~ *Pastor Ross, Nancy, Justin & Megan, Jess & Matt*



Pastor Sarah's Message

Greetings friends in Christ,

I pray that your Christmas season was filled with holy moments. Some of those moments may have been more quiet and contemplative, and others may have been filled with lots more noise and jubilee. And now we begin the New Year.

The other day I was doing the laundry and thinking about this time of year. I find that doing the laundry is a good time to ponder...not only about what shirts to wash, but ponder some of life's bigger issues. I found myself a bit jealous of one of Elsa's shirts. Looking at it I could tell you that she had peanut butter in the morning, fruit juice in the afternoon, and spaghetti sauce in the evening. And yet, I knew that all I had to do was put it in our washer with a little extra detergent and it would come out clean. No stains, no tales of misplaced food, simply clean with a "fresh scent" smell!

And I was a bit jealous of that shirt!

It also made me think of my college and grad school days around this time of year. Beginning around Thanksgiving (when I would come home with 100 pounds of laundry), it would feel like the weight of the world was upon my shoulders. I would usually have two 5-page papers, one 10-page paper, and a final exam bearing down upon me. The time from the last week of November to the third week of December would be fraught with research, study, writing, and late nights. But then, blessedly, the term would end! And having turned in all that was due, I had a break. The new semester hadn't started yet. And I found that I got the best sleep during that holiday break. Everything was new.

These years post college and graduate schools, I don't have the same rhythm, and I miss it sometimes. I think I mostly miss that sense of peace when one thing ended and another had yet to begin. I think it's why I can be a bit jealous of a shirt. Though 2018 is just beginning, I feel the responsibilities, my own expectations, and the history of prior years upon me. How I miss the college reset button. How I wish I could be a shirt that could blissfully be cleaned and all the history and stains of the past removed.

I think the closest I can get to being a clean shirt is remembering my baptism.

I was 2 weeks old at the time, so I don't remember it (my parents tell stories of my cuteness), however, I can remember that I am indeed baptized. That means that no matter what stains I get, what missteps and mud holes I encounter, or blots of life that occur, God is there ready to clean me off with the "fresh scent" of forgiveness.

Perhaps living into the reality of my baptism means that I can forgive myself or let go of some of the history and burdens of "semesters" past. God tells us that in Christ a "new thing" is occurring. Maybe in this New Year, we can receive the daily reset button of God's grace and live into the fresh ways of God.

New Year's blessings,

Pastor Sarah

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A Heart-felt Thank You

Pastor Sarah Teichmann and her family want to give thanks for the great love and care shared during the Advent and Christmas season. We give thanks for the warmth of Christ's love shared in cards, warm wishes, delicious treats, and lovely gifts. We look forward to see what God is up to in the New Year.

Peace,

Pastor Sarah, Erik, and Elsa Teichmann



Letter From the Vicar

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

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe how quickly the past year flew by! For me, the second half of 2017 really went by fast. I started my internship here at St. Peter's on July 2nd. So, as of January 2nd, I will have completed half of my internship. I am looking forward to another six months of learning and serving. Again, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone at St. Peter's for the prayers, support, guidance and love as I continue my time here at this wonderful parish!

When I think of January, I always think about cold weather, especially since I don't like snow. January is also a time that I think about what I had done during the previous year to determine ways to improve myself, but *without* making an official list of New Year's resolutions. I have never been one to do New Year's resolutions—I think I am in a minority on this since it appears most people do make them.

The idea of making resolutions does not appeal to me because I know I would probably break them and more than likely would then feel guilty for having done so. Besides, no one is perfect! This means that there is always room for improvement. We can do this by starting from right where we are and then doing things to make our lives better. A part of improving our lives, in my view, would also include looking at our life of faith, as part of the Body of Christ through our Baptism, and do a self-assessment on where we stand and determine where we can improve. Life tends to be so fast-paced with so many distractions and temptations that can pull us away from God and the church. I think I am safe to say that we all fall into this plight now and then. To make a deeper commitment to love, honor, and worship God would be the right path to follow, but for some it can be something that is easier said than done. Nonetheless, God still loves us, even if we stray. God will always be there for us!

Although I have already wished all of you a Happy New Year at the beginning of this message, I am going to reiterate my wish, but add that I hope that everyone will find spiritual growth in their lives of faith during 2018. This year, as well as each year following, I sincerely hope all of us can grow closer to God!

Blessings,

Vicar Pal



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From the Director of Music

Time after Epiphany

With the trimmings and trappings of Christmas behind us, this time of year can often be a bit of a letdown. It almost seems like we spend so much time preparing for Jesus' arrival into our lives again that when he finally gets here we are caught off guard by what we're being asked to do. This is particularly ironic given the message of Advent is "Get Ready!"

Often the appointed readings for the time after Epiphany (Remember, Epiphany is just one day, January 6th) center around call stories. On January 7th, Baptism of our Lord, we read the call story of our Lord and Savior, Jesus as God's servant; January 14th, we hear of Samuel's calling and the calling of the first disciples; and the Gospel on January 21st is the story of the calling of the fishermen disciples. It isn't until January 28th that we hear about the healing of one with an unclean spirit.

It isn't only the Gospel stories that speak of God's call, the appointed psalms for these Sundays also follow the call theme. We sing of God's powerful voice in Psalm 29, the Lord searches us out in Psalm 139, and God speaks to us personally in Psalm 62. The psalms encapsulate a wide range of human experience and relationship with God, and these examples speak across the ages to us today.

We respond to these themes and share them in the music we sing with some of the great call songs in our hymnal. "Here I Am, Lord," "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore," "We Are Called," and "The Summons" are centerpieces of this time of year. God calls us and we respond eagerly to the call.

As I said earlier, this time of year can be a letdown after the glitter of Christmas. Perhaps God calls us this time of year to remind us that the darkness comes to an end. While some of the coldest days may be ahead of us, the darkest days are behind us. The days are getting longer and we are looking forward to the mountaintop experience of Transfiguration a few short weeks away. Perhaps God calls us to prepare us for the spiritual plain of Lent which eventually leads to the cross. Perhaps there's something else in our lives, or in the life of the church now that God is calling us to.

Spend some time thinking with me about what God may be calling you or us to this year and let us remain open to those places where we might respond by saying, "Send me!"

Adam Lefever Hughes, Director of Music

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St. Peter's Preschool

Happy 2018 to all our St. Peter's Preschool families and friends!

We are now enrolling present students for the September, 2018 school year and will open enrollment to the public in February. Now is the time to secure a spot in one of the best preschool programs available! Tours are being conducted on a daily basis and it is so wonderful to be able to welcome new families to our school. There are so many times when we are able to welcome new church members through the doors of our preschool. We are so proud to be able to represent our growing church and to introduce new families to the joys of being a part of St. Peter's!

Our popular Scholastic Book Fair will be coming back to the Library in mid-February. Keep an eye open for announcements regarding that special event and as always, thank you all for your continued support.



Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director

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ST. PETER'S KIDS!



January 7 – We will celebrate **Epiphany** on Sunday, January 7th. Sunday School classes will meet in their usual classrooms for an age appropriate lesson on Epiphany.

January 14 – We will start our next rotation session on January 14th. We will be exploring the story of **The Ten Men Healed**. Students will experience the lesson from four different perspectives as they rotate through the Art, Games, Movie and Cooking Stations.



January 17 – **Children's Ministries Committee Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. in Samantha's Office. **New Volunteers Welcome!** No experience in Children's Ministry is required. Help us plan our fun special events including Santa Workshop, Santa Breakfast, Vacation Bible School and Easter Egg Hunt. Please contact Samantha to get started!



January 21 – **Parent Breakfast** – Miss Samantha will host a Parent Breakfast on Sunday, January 21st 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



Looking Ahead: On Sunday, **February 18th** we will be holding a **First Communion Instruction** class from 12:00-2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served for students and their parents immediately following the late service in the Café and then we will begin the program. Following a short introduction, the children will go with Miss Samantha to their class, while the parents will meet with a member of the clergy for a question and answer session. Afterwards, all will meet back in the sanctuary for a short service. The class is designed for children in grades 1-3, but all are welcome. The First Communion Recognition service will be held on Sunday, February 25th and March 4th. If you are interested in your child participating, please email Samantha at scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org



Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out at the Santa Workshop and Breakfast with Santa events in December! Our volunteers are essential to the success of these events each year and their help is truly appreciated!!

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 a.m., and then at 10:15 a.m., pick up your child in the same classroom.

Age 2/3 - Nursery

Age 4 & Kindergarten - Room #114 (Frog Room)

Bible Explorers (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 or 717-586-0330.

Youth & Family Ministry News...

Calendar:

- January 7** Youth Group for grades 5-8, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Dinner and Active Games!
- January 12** Lock-In for grades 9-12, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. on Saturday (2 parents/ or adults are needed to stay over night)
- January 27** Youth Sunday practice for Sr. High Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
- January 28** Youth Sunday – combined Traditional and New Day services at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

2018 Youth Winter Retreat Dates:



February 2-4 Grades 9-12 at Camp Nawakwa – Cost: \$80.00 per person

February 16-18 Grades 5-8 at Camp Kirchenwald- Cost \$80.00 per person

Watch for registration information through email or on the youth boards in the Narthex or in the Youth Lounge or in each Classroom



Sister Dottie Almoney, Parish Deaconess

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Winter Confirmation Retreat



Pastor Ross reminds 9th-12th graders that they should return their registration forms for the Confirmation/Sr. High Retreat that will be held at Camp Nawakwa on February 2-4, 2017. Please note that our ninth graders will join the rest of the Senior High's on their retreat again this year.



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.

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for January

	ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER *both Acolyte & Crossbearer	LECTORS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS
January 7 8:00 am	Blake Hoffmaster	Angela Moshos	Bret Hoffmaster, Jennifer Schlener- Thomas	Joe & Cindy Geesey, Reed & Gloria Rodman, Eric May, Brent Bearinger	Harry Ward, Nancy Bornholm
10:45 am	David Wolf*	Barbara Tolbert	Paul Berkebile, Mary Ann Frontz	Scott & Kyle Trayer, Greg & Sylvia Lashley, Bob & Sue Starr	Dave & Lis Wolf
January 14 8:00 am	Connor Lehman	Patti Courtois		Bret & Pam Hoffmaster, Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Harry & Nancy Ward	
10:45 am	TBA*	Leigh Trayer	Carol Esbenshade, Rick Groff	Stephanie Palic, Dan Beck, Jocelyn Kline, Alan & Beverly Swanson, Sharon Breeden	Rich & Ann Larrick
January 21 8:00 am	Morgan Stuhltrager	Donald Deibler	Clint Frontz, Gregory Moul	Tom Kenyon, Cindy Miley, John Kerchner, Mark, Melanie & Mitchell Burkholder	Nancy Pokopec, Jennifer Lehman
10:45 am	Ethan Groff	Geoff Groff		Bud Benton, Ivan & Helen Gerhart, Don & Kyle Templeton, Scott Glassford	
January 28 8:00 a.m.	Ling Ling Courtois	Diane Gegg	Bob Courtois, Diane Gegg	Mark & Angela Moshos, Don Wenrich, Harold & Kathleen Nightingale	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger,
10:45 a.m.	TBA*	Jill Pretz	Thompson McConnell, Greta Ruth	Richard & Anne Wolf, Dave, Lis, David & Jessica Wolf	Station Communion

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Worship Leader Coordinators

Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer: Sylvia Lashley 872-4309
Altar Guild: Betsy Linn 618-9615
AV Room: Paul Berkebile 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 January (continued)

	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER	AV/LIGHTING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD COORD.	ALTAR GUILD
January 7 8:00 am	Mark Burkholder, Betsy Kemper	Bob & Edee Bedford	Terry McGuigan	Erich & Allison Deutsch, Alyssa Kerper	Barb Cooper, Kathy Caldwell	Margy Stigelman, Jill Kerchner
10:45 am	Dan & Karen Beck	Herb & Carolyn Galebach	Rick Groff	Jen Podgurski, Alyssa Kerper	Barb Cooper, Kathy Caldwell	Jocelyn Kline, Beverly Swanson
January 14 8:00 am	Stan & Elaine Lefever	Shirley Dombach Susie Roderick	Tom Badorf	Carolyn Ruch, Alyssa Kerper		
10:45 am	Kerry & Chris Hess	Andy & Sandi Hirko	Bill Schlener	Andrea Bear, Alyssa Kerper	Barb Cooper, Kathy Caldwell	Pam Preston, Tricia Hough
January 21 8:00 am	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger	Christine Ponti Dee Vulgaris	Tom Chever	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Alyssa Kerper	Barb Cooper, Kathy Caldwell	Christine Ponti, Nancy Pokopec
10:45 am	Bob & Lori Long	Paul & Tricia Hough	Dave Tilley	Amy Smith, Alyssa Kerper		
January 28 8:00 a.m.	Andrea Sherman Janis Sharkey	Ron & Joan Beck	Paul Berkebile	Julie Young, Alyssa Kerper		
10:45 a.m.	Alan & Beverly Swanson	Fred & Mary Husson	Randy Ketchum	Judy Fulginiti, Alyssa Kerper	Barb Cooper, Kathy Caldwell	Carol Esbenshade, Mary Ann Frontz



NURSERY AT 9:15 A.M.

January 7: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper
 January 14: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper
 January 21: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper
 January 28: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

January Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient	Date	Deliverer	Recipient
1/07	Marsha Chamberlain	Joan Groff	1/21	Michelle Wertz	Marguerite Paul
	Libby Stoner	Evelyn (Sue) Mellinger		Becky Lutz	Isabelle Alleman
1/14	Nancy LeFevre	Open recipient	1/28	Christine Smith	Bob & Janet Kemp
	Lois Benton	Millie Uhler		JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller



NARTHEX COFFEE BAR



January 7 - Helpers - Tom & Pat Badorf; Bakers - Pat Badorf, Carolyn Ruch
January 14 - Helpers - Mark & Donna Aho; Bakers - Donna Aho, Lois Vollmer
January 21 - Helpers - Lis & Anne Wolf; Baker - Anne Wolf
January 28 - Helpers & Bakers - TBD

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 lwolf01@hotmail.com



NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — JANUARY 2018

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28 (combined with Traditional)
Lector	Peter Murdock	Brendan Armitage	Sarah Bromirski	Unified Service
Communion Assistant	Jennifer Podgurski	N/A	Jennifer Sassaman	Unified Service
Ushers	Brian & Brittney Booher	Bill & Drew Sassaman	Scott & Alex Sprague	Unified Service
Altar Guild	Robin Schmincke	Emily & Sarah Bromirski	Sharon Schaefer	Unified Service
A/V Sound	Scott Fyfe	Bob Preston	Scott Fyfe	Unified Service
Coffee Bar	Catherine Stover	Beth Soslow	Amanda Sprague	Unified Service



LOOKING AHEAD

JANUARY CALENDAR

Monday, January 1

11:00 a.m. - Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner (Café)
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 2

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
1:30 p.m. - Rostered Text Study (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Clothing Bank Preparation
6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday, January 3

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)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)
7:00 p.m. - Word of Life Bible Study (Room 100)

Thursday, January 4

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Café)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)
7:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)

Saturday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

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. - Traditional Worship Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)
6:00 p.m. - Youth Group Grades 5-8

Monday, January 8

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 (Conference Room)
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

Tuesday, January 9

1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Conference Room)

Wednesday, January 10

HERALD ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Cafe)
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, January 11

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Augsburg Alley/Room 123)
6:00 p.m. - Musical Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, January 12

7:00 p.m. - Youth Lock in Grades 9-12

Saturday, January 13

10:00 a.m. - Musical Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Musical Arts Concert (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 14

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. - New Day Worship (FLC)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

Monday, January 15

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. - Human Resources (Conference Room)
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

Tuesday, January 16

9:30 a.m. - Program Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
1:30 p.m. - Book Club (Cry Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Intern Committee (Cry Room)
7:30 p.m. - Long Range Planning (Cry Room)

Wednesday, January 17

9:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Café)
6:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries Meeting (Room 127)
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

Thursday, January 18

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Musical Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, January 19

7:00 p.m. - Women's Retreat (Camp Kirchenwald)

Saturday, January 20

10:00 A.M. - Musical Rehearsal

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JANUARY

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:15 a.m. - Parent Breakfast (Café)
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)
1:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (FLC/Café)

Monday, January 22

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room123)
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Club 56)
6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - New Day Committee (Room 100)
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

Tuesday, January 23

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

Wednesday, January 24

9:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Café)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

Thursday, January 25

6:00 p.m. - Musical Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Saturday, January 27

10:00 a.m. - Youth Sunday Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 28

Youth Sunday
8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional & New Day Combined Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

Monday, January 29

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room123)
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

Tuesday, January 30

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:15 p.m. - Preschool Board (Cry Room)
6:30 p.m. - Clothing Bank Preparation

Wednesday, January 31

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)



If you have any questions,
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Thank you!

Sandy Shattuck

Editor & Parish Secretary

