



“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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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 22nd 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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December Worship Schedule



Sunday, December 1: *Advent 1*

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

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches*

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

-- *Sister Dottie preaches*

Wednesday, December 4: *Advent 1 Mid-week Service*

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

-- *Pastor Craig preaches on "God, Creator of Peace"*

Sunday, December 8: *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 11: *Advent 2 Mid-week Service*

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

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches on "Jesus, Personified Peace"*

Sunday, December 15: *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*

Wednesday, December 18 *Advent 3 Mid-week Service*

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

-- *Sister Dottie preaches on "Holy Spirit, Bringer of Peace"*

Thursday, December 19: *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 22: *Advent 4*

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

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

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

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches*

Sunday, December 22: *Darkest Night Service*

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

-- *Pastor Craig leads*

-- Anointing with Oil offered and Remembrance Candle Lighting Rite

Tuesday, December 24: *Christmas Eve*

Family Services of Holy Communion at 3:00 & 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 Craig preaches*

Sunday, December 29: *Christmas 1*

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

Sister Dottie leads

Advent Mid-week Services

Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." - Luke 2:13-14

This year's midweek Advent series focuses on peace. When we look to the ways that God has worked in and through history, God reveals peace. In the midst of a busy season, join us to worship our Lord and find a little peace in your life.

Midweek services gather on Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Worship includes Advent liturgy, Scripture, a message, and beautiful hymnody for the season.



Here is the schedule of themes and leaders for the season:

Wednesday, December 4th: "God, Creator of Peace" – Pastor Craig

Wednesday, December 11th: "Jesus, Personified Peace" – Pastor Sarah

Wednesday, December 18th: "Holy Spirit, Bringer of Peace" – Sister Dottie

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

Advent Season at New Day Praise Service, 10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center



Advent begins on December 1st and the New Day Praise service will be doing something a little different from the Traditional services. This year we are following the story of the shepherds that God uses to reveal God's story of salvation and hope. Along with the Advent themes, we will incorporate Christmas hymns and songs—both ancient and new!

Sages Early Christmas Service

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL OF ST. PETER'S SAGES: On Thursday, December the 19th, we will host our annual Sages Christmas Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary followed by a luncheon. The event is open to all members who are 80 years old or older. Communion is offered in the pews and the congregation is seated for the entire service. The choir will sing special hymns to enrich the service. Watch for your invitation in the mail and feel free to invite friends or family to join you. Please make a reservation if you plan to attend the luncheon with the church office (717-569-9211) or call Christine Smith (717-299-0949) by December 16th. A sign-up sheet is also available on the Parish Life Bulletin Board, outside the church nursery. Reservations are only needed if you plan to attend the luncheon. If you need a ride, let us know. We look forward to seeing many of our Sages and guests.



Service Opportunity: Drivers Needed for Sages Christmas Event December 19

Our Christmas Sages Service will be held Thursday, December 19th. If you're able to give one of our Sages a ride to service, please sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery or call Christine Smith at 717-299-0949. Approximate times are 10:30 a.m. pick up and 1:00 p.m. drop off after the luncheon. Thank you for your consideration!

Christmas Poinsettia Delivery - Volunteers Needed



It is a tradition for St. Peter's to bring Holiday cheer to some of our older members who may not be able to attend a Christmas Service. Please consider delivering a poinsettia from our altar on Christmas Day or in the days to follow. What a wonderful tradition to start or continue with your family! If available, please sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery, or contact Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 or cjsmith1984@gmail.com.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 10, 2019

2019 Annual Meeting Points

We gathered for our yearly congregational meeting on November 10, 2019 and as a community gave our blessing for ministries occurring in 2020. Check out the highlights of the meeting below.

The pastors shared thoughts that St. Peter's is now at a time when we are exploring new ideas about the mission and stewardship of our worship and meeting places.

We elected leaders who will guide the congregation in planning and developing the direction of our mission.

We ratified constitutional updates, which will serve us going forward.

We learned about our strong St. Peter's Endowment Fund, which will help us to have a broader mission with financial stability and funding of specific needs that arise.

Our financial reports are healthy; offerings and bequests to the church have allowed us to meet expenses and benevolences. Members have often made extra gifts to fund special expenses.

We approved the preschool budget. Our preschool operates very well to educate the young children of the community and does so in a financially responsible way.

We approved the 2020 operating budget as proposed by the finance committee. We discussed the creation of a separate capital budget in the future, which will allow us to meet the infrastructure needs that arise in a large and varied building built over many years and to support our programs and ministries.

A feasibility study about the proposed Mission Campaign will give us needed information and planning ideas before a campaign gets underway. This feasibility study is funded by a generous designated gift.

We approved the expenditure of \$170,000-200,000 to perform immediate necessary HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) replacement needs in Augsburg Alley and the south side of the church campus.

Our many committees are working faithfully to plan and carry out the mission of St. Peter's Lutheran Church by "building a community of faith by God's grace."

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 5th. We will formally install our 2020 Congregation Council along with the Congregational Officers. Additionally, we will recognize and commission the committee chairs and committee members who are present.

Pastoral Acts

The following pastoral acts were offered since the printing deadline of our November issue of the Herald.

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| Funerals: | Mildred Uhler on November 2, 2019 at St. Peter's |
| Weddings: | Kaylin Miley & Trevor Weaver on November 1, 2019
at Harvest View Barn, Elizabethtown PA |
| Baptism: | Jackson Bear Geesey on November 17, 2019 at 10:45 a.m. worship |



Adult Christian Education

Wednesday Morning Bible Study



We will continue our major study topic for the year ... an examination of the traditional “seven authentic letters of St. Paul.” Why not consider joining this vibrant group of 40-50 fellow believers in the remaining weeks of December and stay for the early months of the 2020 year, 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 December schedule is as follows:

December 4 – 1 Corinthians Chapters 4-6 (Pastor Sarah guest teacher)

December 11 – 1 Corinthians Chapters 7-9

December 18 – 1 Corinthians Chapters 10-12

December 25 -- NO CLASS



December Pub Theology – Tuesday, December 17th – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lynn and Scott Fyfe, 50 Ridings Way, Lititz, PA Topic: Advent/Christmas Trivia. Please bring an appetizer and a bottle of your favorite wine or a 6 pack to share. Please contact Sister Dottie if you can attend at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org.

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

St. Peter's offers two distinct classes for adults during the Sunday School hour (9:15 - 10:15 a.m.)

Please Note – no classes on December 29th

Crosspoints (Conference Room) - This class is a combination of Theology, Church history and the intersection of Faith and Life.

December 1st - Praying Advent Psalms with Adam Lefever Hughes

December 8th – Introduction to Spiritual Practices with Sr. Dottie

December 15th – The New Testament You Never Knew with Pastor Craig

December 22nd – Combined Youth and Adult Discussion

Faith and Values (Room 100) - This fall the Faith & Values class explores different topics of our life and faith. During December we'll engage in the Advent season, God's revelation and incarnation, and how we make sense of God's desire for us.

December 1: The Meaning of Memory

December 8: The Promise of Potential

December 15: The Journey of Joy

December 22: The Gift of the Gentiles

We meet in Room 100 at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome!

Global Missions Ministry

Busoka Church Rebuild Project — The Global Missions Committee, in partnership with the Tanzania Mission Committee, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our congregation for your support of the Busoka Church rebuild project. We almost doubled the \$5,000 goal for this phase of the project, raising \$9,100. Funds have been wired to Busoka so they can continue the initial work that has begun on the church. More details on the overall rebuild will be provided as they become available. Please continue to keep the people of Busoka in your prayers.

From the Tanzania Mission Committee



Cookie Walk — **Please mark your calendar!** The Tanzania Mission Committee invites everyone to St. Peter's 13th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14th. It will be held in the Church Narthex from 9:00 a.m. to noon or until cookies sell out. We invite everyone to bring family and friends to buy cookies from this incredible assortment. Come early for the best selection! Like last year, we offer a \$15 box and an \$8 box. As always, all proceeds go to help educate and support the orphans in the Busoka Lutheran Church parish in Tanzania.

Attention Cookie Bakers — The 13th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14th, is on its way! That means it is time for all you cookie bakers to sign up to bake a double batch of your best Christmas cookies and bring them to the church on Friday, December 13th, noon-7:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets for baking cookies will be at tables in the Narthex and New Day on Sundays, November 24th, and December 1st and 8th. Please sign up in the Narthex or New Day and help make this the best Cookie Walk ever! Number 13 will be so lucky! The Tanzania Mission Committee thanks you.



FROM LANCASTER NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES **May 30, 1953 – Lancaster New Era**

Visitors to the Sunday morning service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Neffsville, are sometimes astonished to see a German Shepherd dog sitting with the choir. Then it quickly occurs to them that the dog is the "vision" of a blind person in the choir loft. "Stella" an eight-year-old seeing eye dog, is the second of her fraternity to be an ex-officio member of St. Peter's choir. Both she and her predecessor, "Texas" who died seven years ago have helped make it possible for Neffsville's Melvin G. Huber to blend his melodious voice with the musical organization of which he has been a member since he was fifteen. Huber, now fifty-eight, was blinded in 1935 when the rim collapsed in a high-pressure truck tire he was inflating. He now has a small workshop in the basement of his home, where he makes baskets for sale by the Lancaster Association for the Blind. "He's the most dependable member of the choir," says Mrs. Russel J. Nuss, who is in her fifth year as choir director at St. Peter's. "He has remarkable powers of memorization," says Mrs. Nuss. "He knows an anthem after listening to it two or three times, and by the time we are ready to sing it in church, he has his part worked out perfectly."

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 23rd

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon on December 24th (Christmas Eve)

OFFICE CLOSED on December 25th (Christmas Holiday)

OFFICE CLOSED on December 26th (Christmas Holiday)

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Flex-hours) on December 27th, 30th & 31st

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

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



Fellowship Events

Congregational Christmas Dinner Theater



Sunday December 15th

5:30 pm

This year's original production is called "Take Me to Your Leader" – What happens when aliens meet Jesus?

Tickets will be available beginning Sunday November 24th –tickets will be sold by donations this year!

There will be no tickets sold at the door – so get yours by Wednesday, December 11th.

Kids Angel and Shepherd Participants Needed!

Children needed for our "Angel/Shepherd Choir" for the Dinner Theater on Sunday December 15th. Grades K-4 are welcome to be part of this group – we will have practice on Sundays December 1st from 6:30– 7:00 and December 8th from 6-7:30 pm In the FLC. Dinner provided for the December 8th Practice.



Women's Winter Retreat

Friday January 17th thru Sunday January 19th

Camp Kirchenwald

Cost: \$80.00

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDRENS SERMON HELPERS NEEDED



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 (7th Grade and older) serve as group leaders for the younger Children (Kindergarten age and up). Parents help with some organization of the kids. The two rehearsals (less than an hour each) will be held on:

Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Child / Teen (Circle one)

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Parents: _____ I/we can help

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



Social Ministry



Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank will be open on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. To volunteer, please contact Molly Olmsted at astaloo@me.com. The clothing bank is always in need of new underwear, especially for older teens (adult sizes).

December Community Meal will be Wednesday, December 4th at Grace Lutheran Church. For more information about volunteering, contact Jan Gigl at ronjangigl@comcast.net



Community Meal



Christmas Giving Trees are up in the Narthex and Youth Lounge. Items are due by Sunday December 15th. Please return your items by this date! Items will go to needy families, children and youth in the Manheim Township School Districts and City of Lancaster.

Addiction Ministries



Thank you for all your support for our Personal Care Kits that are being sent to Vantage House and White Deer Run Recovery Houses. Because of your generosity many of those suffering from the disease of addiction will have some brightness and hope for the holidays! It is our hope that we will continue to develop a relationship with these Recovery Houses as we grow in our ministry.

Save the date of Sunday January 12th for the next combined Sunday School. We will be having a speaker from Compass Mark who will address mental health and its role in addiction.

Looking ahead the Prayer Ministry will be adding an evening prayer and support time which will occur on the second Wednesday of the month starting January 8th at 6:30 p.m. The location will be announced closer to the date. We invite everyone to participate in this evening of spiritual support.

Prayer Chain Ministry

We would like to Welcome Christine Ponti to the Prayer Chain! Christine signed up during the Volunteer Fair in late October. Christine, we hope you find this to be a fulfilling ministry to be a part of! If you have been considering joining the Chain, we would LOVE to have you join us. Your committee work is done on your time and your schedule. We have one All Member Meeting (normally a Fall luncheon) and a Spring Book Study (usually about 4 weeks starting in mid-May). Please remember, there is no “right way to pray”, you are just talking to God and bringing a persons name/needs/concerns before God! If you would like to join this very active ministry, please contact Angela Moshos (727) 392-6201 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406 with any questions or to get started! WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!!



“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercession and thanksgivings be made for everyone” 1 Timothy 2:1



THANK YOU to our St Peter's family for their prayers, cards, emails, texts, 'listening ears' and hugs during my Mom, Kay Kauffman Dize's long illness and her passing. It meant so very much to me, having your support!

Ginny & Karl Gerhart & family

Health and Wellness Committee



National Handwashing Awareness

Yes, there is a National Handwashing Awareness Week. This year it's from December 1st through December 7th.

One might think the awareness is in December due to the flu season, but handwashing is needed every day. Personal hygiene begins and ends with our hands. Though we were probably all taught to wash our hands before dinner, germs don't care what time of day it is. Clean hands

DO prevent sickness. It's important to learn the basics of handwashing, so you can become a Champion Hand Washer!

Do it right! Wash your hands with soap and clean water for at least 20 seconds (about the time it takes to sing the Happy Birthday song twice). Get a good lather and make sure to do the back of the hands, in between the fingers, including the thumb and under the nails. Dry them using a clean towel. Good handwashing follows these steps each time.

Here's how to remember the steps: Wet, lather, scrub, rinse & dry (sing Happy Birthday x2)

Learn the 4 principles of hand awareness:

Wash your hands when they are dirty and before eating

Do not cough into your hands

Do not sneeze into your hands

Don't put your fingers in your eyes, nose or mouth

Five Facts about Hand Hygiene:

Handwashing equals happiness: It can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea related illnesses, and 1 in 5 infections, including the Flu!

Beware of the twin killers for kids: About 1.4 million kids under 5 die from diarrheal diseases and pneumonia.

These are the 2 most deadly afflictions of kids worldwide.

The dirty secret of public restrooms: The CDC says that only 31% of men and 65% of women wash their hands after using a public restroom. Ugh!

Handwash your way to health: Handwashing prevents many sicknesses, so people need less antibiotics (more antibiotics, more antibiotic resistant germs – we don't want that).

Sneezes are mini hurricanes! A typical human sneeze exits the body at about 200 miles per hour and emits ~40,000 droplets into the air (and we wonder why we get sick?)

Stop and think of how many things you touch during the course of the day. Now how many were touched by other people's hands? Exactly. Wash your hands & prevent the spread of germs.



Camp Corner



Camp is still active as the days are turning colder. During the season of Advent, the Wittel Farm has two unique events to prepare your heart and mind for the coming of Christ. In January and February retreats at camp gear up. Check out the Lutheran Camping Corporation's website for more information about these events (www.lutherancamping.org) or contact Joy & Lyle Hosler with any questions about camp. (joy@hoslerfamily.net; 717-560-4753)

December 7 Advent Day Apart: A day of Bible study, prayer, and worship led by Rev. Karen Minnich-Sadler (Wittel Farm)

December 22 Advent/Christmas at the Barn: Cookies and cocoa followed by evening worship (Wittel Farm)

January 4-5 Winter Youth Retreat: Play at camp in the winter! Broom hockey, sledding, Bible study, creative worship with summer camp staff. (Kirchenwald)

Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Worship Leadership Schedule

SUNDAY	8:00	10:45
DEC. 1	Canticle Choir	Herald Choir
DEC. 8	Youth Choir	Herald Choir
DEC. 15	None	Herald Choir
DEC. 22	Exsultate Ringers	Herald Choir, St. Peter's Ringers
DEC. 24	(5:00) Jubilate Choir, Youth Choir, Exsultate Ringers	(7:30) Herald Choir, St. Peter's Ringers

Musical Arts – Sunday, December 1, 2019, 4:00 p.m. – Voices of the Valley

A local favorite, this holiday concert is not to be missed. Voices of the Valley presents an evening of beautiful music in our beautiful Sanctuary to put you in the Christmas spirit.

Mennonite Children's Chorus of Lancaster – Thursday, December 5, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

A special program of the Mennonite Children's Chorus of Lancaster will be held in the sanctuary here at St. Peter's on Thursday, December 5. While not an official program of the 2019-2020 Musical Arts Series, this program promises to be one full of excellent singing by the young people from the Lancaster area. Come to support the future of music-making and engagement in the arts.

Sages Choir

The Sages Choir will rehearse from 11:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17th to prepare to lead the Sages Christmas Service on Thursday, December 19th at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Christmastide Devotional Booklet

Pick up a Christmastide Devotional Booklet to help your family mark the twelve days of Christmas (December 25 – January 5). This resource contains bible readings, prayers, poems, images, songs, activities, and a house blessing liturgy for the whole family to celebrate the Christmas season. Booklets and chalk (for a house blessing) will be available on a table in the narthex and at the welcome table in New Day December 15th and 22nd.

Communication: 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 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.



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Groups and Events

50 PLUS — Please join us on Thursday, December 5th at the Eden Resort at NOON, for our annual Christmas luncheon. Sign-up Sheet is on the bulletin board and cost is \$16 per person. Deadline to signup is Sunday, December 1. Our January guest speaker will be Dr. Bob Frick continuing his series, “Together, They Made Lancaster Great”. His presentation will focus on Robert Fulton and J. P. McCaskey. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 717-318-8848 or djshue52@comcast.net.

WELCA — **Come to the WELCA Christmas meeting** on Thursday, December 12th at 9:00 AM in Room 124. A light breakfast will be served. **Sister Dottie** will be discussing how pagan Christmas customs influence the ways we now celebrate Christmas. Also we will be playing the **Left-Right Christmas** game so please bring a \$5 wrapped gift to be used in playing game. The Personal Care item is bath-size soap in original wrapping. All women are welcome. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 717-569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 717-627-7434.



JUST FOR FUN GROUP — Come share some Christmas cheer with your fellow St. Peter's Just for Fun friends. Starting at 4:00 p.m. on December 15th at the home of John and Kathy Burke. Bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. We will do appetizers at Burkes' and travel to Stoners' (one block away) for dessert. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the nursery. Any questions, call Kathy Burke at 717-627-6968.



LIBRARY NEWS



First of all, thank you to all parishioners who have donated books to the library. We have many new books that are in the process of being placed on the shelves and we appreciate your generosity!

Many of the books that have been donated are children's books. While we are thankful for your donations, we are facing a problem of overabundance! SO ... if you have a special, current children's book that is hardback and beautifully illustrated and you want to share it with the children at St. Peter's, we would be very grateful. HOWEVER, we are respectfully asking that you please do not drop off a bag full of children's books that you don't want anymore. Frankly, we just do not have room on our shelves for all the books we are receiving. It would be much better for you to drop off your excess, used children's books to the Lancaster Library for their book sale.

Again, we thank you for your generous donations and hope you understand that at the present time we are trying to clear out excess books and keep the books on our shelves current and in very good condition.

Watch for the book cart to appear in the Narthex sometime soon! In the meantime, we welcome you to visit the library and borrow one of the many wonderful books we have for you to enjoy.

Happy Holidays and Happy Reading,
Mary Ann Frontz



JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE DECEMBER 10TH

Articles for the January 2020 “Herald” are due in the church office no later than **December 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org. Thank you for your cooperation.



Pastor's Letter

Dear friends:

A couple of unconnected thoughts that are on my mind and that I would like to share with you as I sit down to write this month ...

Annual Meeting ... I am grateful to all of our leaders who put together information for our Annual Meeting booklet and presentations on November 10th. Special thanks to Beth who led the meeting; to Leslie for all her constitution-related preparations; to Steve for speaking to our Endowment ministry; to Geoff for presenting and speaking to our 1.35 million-dollar budget, our Preschool budget and related financing; to Adrian for addressing the feasibility study so comprehensively; to Rob for his informed and sensible presentation on our HVAC challenges; to Adam for his magnificent slide presentation management; and to Pastor Sarah for sharing with me in our mission primer opener. I am grateful for our Council's role in helping to collect and organize the vast amount of information we try to communicate to you. I am humbled by the way our office staff organizes it in paper form, and the way our communications team reviews all the info and gets most of it out in digital form, too. I must acknowledge the dedication of Cindy and Sister Dottie for organizing activities for our kids that morning, and to our adults and youth who led those activities. To Donna and Nancy and our coffee bar servants, thanks for greasing the wheels of our socialization. And I am always gratified to hear the diversity of comments from those gathered. It is a unique event that never runs perfectly, but which allows us to make the necessary decisions that guide our coming year. If you could not be present, you missed a unique picture-window view into life at St. Peter's. Join us next year.

Internship ... most of you are aware that United Lutheran Seminary did not assign a student intern to St. Peter's for the July 2019-June 2020 academic year. Council has also approved my recommendation to remain out of the program for the July 2020-June 2021 academic year, so that staff and Council members have the time to focus on some tasks that seem timely and immediate, including but not limited to – the feasibility study and a mission appeal that I am hoping will follow that study; continued strengthening of our security measures; some organizational efforts in how our leadership communicates with the parish; and some dedicated efforts to strengthen our time and talent ministries under the guidance of Betsy, our Volunteer Steward.

Membership ... in the past two months, seven church members have died, representing over six hundred years of life on earth. The youngest was 73 years of age, the oldest 99. All but two touched down deeply in music, education, social ministry, worship, fellowship and leadership ministries here. We are people of hope and we trust in the "resurrection of the body" as our creeds profess ... but we are also people of flesh, blood and emotion ... and I have been struck by the cumulative depth of loss to our parish community, along with the individual interpersonal losses that so many of us are experiencing.

Unity in the midst of Diversity ... I continue to be heartened by the balance of diverse opinions, life-styles, and social/political perspectives that I see in our congregation. The existence of this diversity alone is a somewhat unusual experience in a world that is increasingly "tribal" as we seek out persons and experiences that offer like-minded passions. But even more gratifying is watching our membership worship and learn and contribute and serve side-by-side with those who ascribe to vastly different world-views in some cases. It is a tribute to the presence of Christ uniting us through spiritual bonds that allow us to understand and accept a diversity of human passions.

This is enough "unconnected" rumination for now, I believe. I'll ...

See you in Church ...

Pastor Craig

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Pastor Sarah's Message

Dear friends in Christ,

I write this letter feeling like I am out of time. I tried to fit too much into my day. I don't know what I was thinking...either I mistook myself for Wonder Woman (which I'm not) or thought I could somehow bend time (which I can't.) And the entire day...no, the entire week...no, for many weeks now...I have felt rushed. My watch even broke on me, so I can't tell how much I'm behind on time!

Sigh.

Do you feel rushed?

Not only this Advent and Christmas season, but have you felt rushed, hurried, and harried for a while? Have you been so busy that you focus only on "the lists" and lose sight of God's invitation to life?

I know I have. (*confession and forgiveness is good for the soul*)

What if...

What if as a community we take this time...this holy time... to slow down?

What if as a community of faith we purposely breathe in...breathe out... and feel the Holy Spirit's presence in our very breath?

What if as a community of faith by God's grace we forgive ourselves and others when expectations aren't met?

An Invitation

Advent is about **peace**. I want to be part of this peace, and I want you to be in this peace of Christ with me. Maybe we can do that in a midweek Advent service or a Christian education class or a fellowship event. Want to be part of it?

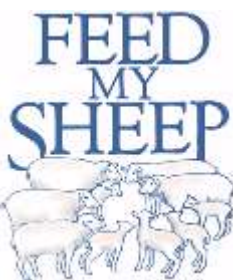
Advent is about **joy** and **hope** and **love**. I would love to hear some of the things that you are joyful about. Can you share some of your hopes? And where do you see God's love in the people around you? Tell me (and tell others...they want to hear about joy, hope, and love too!)

Christmas is about witnessing the incarnation...God with us...in the very ordinary things around us. And with the incarnation, God invites us to stop, be in awe, and feel God's presence.

In God's holy peace,

Pastor Sarah

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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 Food Hub.

Thanks for your donations!

From the Director of Music

Advent Music

This time of year, a lot of folks will say that Christmas music is their favorite. Music is a strong memory catalyst and many of us have good memories of listening to Christmas music, being with a loving family, and sharing gifts of the season. Why, even your director of music enjoys Christmas music from time to time, although in his opinion we start hearing it all too early.



But, if you ask me what my favorite music is for the whole of the church year, I will quickly respond, “Advent music.” Advent music is soulful, earnest, plaintive, hopeful, and so much more. Don’t get me wrong, I love a good celebration and Christmas music is often some of the best celebratory music out there. As much as I love a celebration, I think I like a good build up more.

Advent music and the Advent season is all about preparation. We’re preparing for yet another celebration of the Christ Child entering into our lives. In addition to preparing our homes, we are preparing our hearts and minds to be open to the bevy of new possibilities in God coming to earth. As in the hymn “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”, we sing our prayers earnestly that we be made into the one Body of Christ, that we may be reconciled to one another and to God.

We wish for these things in our own time. Honestly, who isn’t ready for a little more unity and a little less divisiveness. We also wish for these things cosmically. The meaning of Advent is not limited to our town, our time, and our problems. No, the preparations we make in Advent are also of cosmic proportions, when all time will cease and all will come to know the Glory of God.

I think for this reason, Advent can be a little tough for us to handle. After all, hardly anyone likes thinking about their own end, let alone the end of all time when all people will be reconciled to Christ. Still, we know that time is coming and we remind ourselves to prepare a royal highway and to fling wide the door. God’s coming and there isn’t anything we can do about it.

Finally, this time of year can be a time of struggle for some. The message of hopeful expectation that God will make everything right with the world, whether in our time or in some other time to come, can be a real message of peace for those of us who may be yearning for peace. The great Finnish Advent hymn “Lost in the Night” has us sing:

Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
plaintively sighing with hearts full of anguish.
Will not day come soon?
Light o’er the land of the needy is beaming;
Rivers of life through its deserts are streaming,
Bringing all peoples a Savior redeeming.
Come and save us soon!

This Advent, I hope we will all take the time to enjoy this season of hope, look to the promise of the incarnation, and prepare our hearts and minds for all that God will accomplish in us.

Adam



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 at 717-569-9211 or sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org 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.

Youth & Family Ministry News...

Calendar

Friday, December 6th:



St. Nicholas Workshop

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Club 56 will have their own craft workshop

Grades 7 and up are needed to help with the event

Sign up on the youth board or in your classroom.



Sunday, December 1st

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Dinner and events.....

Dinner Theater Practice

Youth Service project

Sunday, December 8th:

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Dinner Theater Practice (dinner provided)

Saturday, December 14th

Youth in grades 7-12 needed to help with Santa Breakfast.

Contact Cindy Geesey at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org

Sunday, December 15th:

Christmas Dinner Theater – 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Youth Servers Needed (grades 5 and up)– please wear a white shirt and dark bottoms.

Sunday, December 29th:

No Sunday School. We will resume on January 5th



2020 Youth Winter Retreat Dates:

January 31- February 2nd – Grades 9-12

February 7-9 – Grades 5-8

All Retreats will be held at Camp Kirchenwald.

Watch for registration information in January.

Contact Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org for more information about these events!



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 Sister Dottie Almoney or Cindy Geesey if you have any questions.

ST. PETER'S KIDS

December 6th – **St. Nicholas Workshop.** Need a night out without the kids? Then bring your children ages 4 (by November 30th) through 6th grade to our St. Nicholas Workshop. A registration form is available on the Children's Ministries' board located outside of the church office or you can register at <https://stpeterslutheran.org/stnicholas-workshop>. Festivities will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6th. Dinner will be served in the Café, followed by many fun activities including the children "making gifts" for their family (ages 4 through 4th grade only). The 5th and 6th graders will have their own seasonal activities. The suggested donation for this fun event is \$5 per child or \$10 per family (whichever fits your budget!) Please note: This event is open to church members and prospective church members only. Email Miss Cindy with any questions.



December 14th – **Breakfast with Santa-** Mark your calendars for this fun community event which will take place beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The morning will feature a pancake breakfast, free professional photos and meet and greet with Santa, and caroling. Please pre-register at <https://stpeterslutheran.org/santa-breakfast> to reserve your time slot with Santa by December 5. A free will offering will be collected.



December 29th – **No Sunday School** – Due to the Christmas holiday. Sunday School will resume on January 5th.



Volunteers needed for upcoming events! If you are able to help out at the St. Nicholas Workshop on December 6th or Breakfast with Santa on December 14th, please contact Cindy Geesey at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org to get started!

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



Age 2/3 – Nursery (class is in the Puppy Room)

Age 4 – Frog 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 9:15a.m. 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 Cindy Geesey, Director of Children's Ministries at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org.

St. Peter's Preschool

Happy Thanksgiving all! We celebrated at preschool with Thanksgiving feasts! Our kiddos, dressed as Pilgrims and Native Americans, enjoyed turkey and all the fixings. Thanks to our preschool parents/caregivers who prepared all the food and helped serve. We also had a special visit from our favorite Mrs. Turkey in full feather!!

As we enter the holiday season, you can feel the excitement in the halls of our preschool. We are so lucky to be able to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with our students, with visits to the Nativity in the Sanctuary, toy manger scenes in our classrooms and Happy Birthday Jesus cakes at our Christmas parties. Feel free to join us on Wednesday, December 18th at 9:30 a.m. for our annual Christmas concert in the Sanctuary. When you hear some of these sweet little songs (Mary Had a Baby Boy, Nine Little Angels) sung by 4 and 5 year old voices, your heart will be full of Christmas joy!

We wish all of our St. Peter's friends and family a very blessed Christmas!

Lorraine DiBernardo,
Preschool Director

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From the Volunteer Steward

Happy Advent Season from your Volunteer Steward

Wow! What a great six months it has been. It's hard to believe how much time has passed since I started in this position. Some things that have been accomplished, with much help from Steph Palic and other members: most of the membership in the 113 different groups and committees have been updated, we held a successful volunteer fair, we learned we have almost 600 people participating in different groups/committees, and we are gaining new volunteers all the time! With a church community the size of St. Peter's, there are a lot of moving parts. It is wonderful to see all the dedication our parishioners have.

During this season of Advent, it is time to prepare for the coming of our Lord. We do this by decorating, shopping and spending time with our families. But with all the hustle and bustle of the season, take time to reflect on what you are giving to your church family. Can you spare some time each month to help with the Stewardship committee? Or maybe help with Nursery on a Sunday morning? Or possibly attend one of the social events offered during the season?

Do you know what St. Peter's has to offer? You may be missing a way to feel more involved during this special season of Advent. Please contact me to learn new paths to get connected. Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

Mark 1:1-3 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ²as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" ³"a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

Membership

We need your help! You know those little maroon/black books that are in the pews or handed out during the service that record your attendance? They are very important for several reasons. They help us keep track of statistics on attendance which is used for our membership count, it helps us keep track of those who are visiting, but mostly, we just like knowing you were here! Please remember to sign in using your last name, and then list everyone from your family who is in attendance. Please let me know if you have any questions! Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward

Betsy Linn,
Volunteer Steward

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Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for December

	ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER *both Acolyte & Crossbearer	LECTORS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS
December 1 8:00 a.m.	TBA	Ann Marie Steele	Diane Gegg Joe Weaver	Tom Chever, Dennis Maurer, Bob Courtois, John Kerchner, Mark & Angela Moshos	Mark & Melanie Burkholder
10:45 a.m.	TBA	Paul Berkebile	Rick Groff Margaret Strausser	Alan & Beverly Swanson, Joe & Cindy Geesey, John & June Crisp	Dave & Lis Wolf
December 8 8:00 a.m.	TBA	Cole Troop	No Communion	Steve & Diane Gegg, Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Tom & Jean Haus	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	TBA	April Bupp	Geoff & Kathy Groff	Scott & Kyle Trayer, Brian Tolbert, Bud Benton, Richard & Anne Wolf	Rich & Ann Larrick
December 15 8:00 a.m.	TBA	Dee Vulgaris	Susan Ketchum Mary Jane Wilcox	Adam Gegg, Cindy Miley, Eric May, Larry Wilcox, Bill & Linda Montgomery	John & Kathy Burke
10:45 a.m.	TBA	David Emmert	No Communion	Jeff & Anneliese Owen, Scott Glassford, Stephanie Palic, Don & Kyle Templeton	No Communion
December 22 8:00 a.m.	Ethan Groff	Larry Wilcox	No Communion	Ena Marie Banks, Don Wenrich, Mark & Melanie Burkholder, Liz, Sean & Iain O'Brien	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	TBA	Carol Esbenshade	Judy Logan Janet Roberts	Scott & Sharon Breeden, Bob & Shirley Gorner, Joann & Jillian Gorner	Bob & Pam Preston
December 24 3:00 p.m.	TBA	Iain O'Brien	Clint Frontz Jeff Pretz	Bob, Christine, Braden & Kyra Rishell	Jeff & Anneliese Owen
5:00 p.m.	TBA	Thompson McConnell	Nancy Pokopec John Burke	McConnell Family	Nancy Pokopec Jennifer Lehman
7:30 p.m.	TBA	Karen Feldt	Karen Peiffer, Jennifer Schlener- Thomas	TBA	Christine Ponti
10:00 p.m.	TBA	John Ford	Eric May, Thompson McConnell	TBA	Rich & Ann Larrick
December 29 9:45 a.m. (Combined with New Day)	TBA	Beth Glassford	No Communion	Terry & Marianne Beasley, Nancy Beauregard, John & Kathy Burke, Russ Vollmer	No Communion

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Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for December (continued)

	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER	AV/LIGHTING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD COORD.	ALTAR GUILD
December 1 8:00 am	Susan Chever Betsy Kemper	Pam Hoffmaster Christine Ponti	Lloyd Bull & Dave Tilley	Allison & Erich Deutsch, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue Rhoda Goss	Greg & Cindy Gillespie
10:45 am	Tom & Debbie Stover	Richard & Loretta Chubb	Joe Almoney	Karen Shreiner, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue Rhoda Goss	Anne Wolf, Lois Vollmer
December 8 8:00 am	Mark & Jan Gilliford	Ron & Joan Beck	Angela Moshos	Mary Ann Oberholtzer, Alyssa Kerper	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 am	Bob & Shirley Gorner	Herb & Carolyn Galebach	David Wolf	Sara Deno, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue Rhoda Goss	Nancy Shimer, Peggy Popp
December 15 8:00 am	Randy & Susan Ketchum	Larry & Sylvia Miller	Lloyd Bull & Bill Schlener	Julie Gotwald, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue Rhoda Goss	Jill Kerchner
10:45 am	Gerald & Bonnie Detz	Andy & Sandi Hirko	Bob Preston	Chloe Otto, Alyssa Kerper	No Communion	No Communion
December 22 8:00 a.m.	George & Susan Swan	John & Kathy Burke	Tom Chever	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Alyssa Kerper	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	Andy & Sandi Hirko	Paul & Tricia Hough	Bill Schlener	Borko Kereshi, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue Rhoda Goss	Jocelyn Kline, Lis Wolf
December 24 3:00 p.m.	TBA	Charles & Sylvia Traeger	Bill Schlener	N/A	Debbie Shue Rhoda Goss	TBA
5:00 p.m.	TBA	James & Martha Fulmer	Jordan Lambert	N/A	Debbie Shue Rhoda Goss	Bigler Family
7:30 p.m.	Larry & Sylvia Miller	Craig & Lisa Rodenberger	Bob Preston	Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue Rhoda Goss	Suk Shuglie, Lori Weaver
10:00 p.m.	Rich & Ann Larrick	Dave & Lis Wolf	Randy Ketchum	N/A	Debbie Shue Rhoda Goss	Anna Mae Kenyon
December 29 9:45 a.m. (Combined with New Day)	Max & Eileen Wasson	Mark & Darla Cardin	Bob Preston	Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper	No Communion	No Communion

Nursery at 9:15 a.m.

December 1 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

December 8 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

December 15 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

December 22 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — DECEMBER 2018

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22
Lector	Patricia Weaver	Joel Olmsted	Jennifer Sassaman	Lynn Stover
Communion Assistant	Jennifer Sassaman	No Communion	Molly Olmsted	No Communion
Ushers	Bill & Drew Sassaman	Brad & Karen Ayars	Brian & Brittney Booher	Heath & Anna Edelman
Altar Guild	Ann Fink	Robin Schmincke	Morgan Stuhltrager	Emily & Sarah Bromirski
A/V Sound	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe

December Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
Dec. 1	JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller
	Laretta Stutzman	Anna Wetzler
Dec. 8	Christine Smith	Sue Mellinger
	Nancy LeFevre	Hiram & Marilyn Richards

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
Dec. 15	John & Kathy Burke	Bob & Janet Kemp
	Betz Lind	Anna Dowie
Dec. 22	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Velma Newcomer
	Lois Benton	Jack & June Hemsteger



NARTHEX COFFEE BAR



Just wanted to express my appreciation to the volunteers who are again serving at the Coffee Bar — your faithfulness and dedication to St. Peter's is so wonderful and exceptional!

- * **December 1** **Barb Beyer and Nancy Pokopec**
- * **December 8** **Pam Preston**
- * **December 15** **Donna & Mark Aho**
- * **December 22** **Merry Christmas**
- * **December 29** **Ann and Rich Larrick**

And thank you to all our faithful members who provide baked goods and serve coffee. We are always looking for helpers and bakers! Also, we wanted to express to all members who signed up at the Volunteer Fair, as well other times, to serve at the Coffee Bar. As always, we thank Laretta Stutzman, Tim Fickes, John Hess and Ann & Rich Larrick for picking up the donated baked goods from Giant. Enjoy and God Bless.

OUR MISSION

Building a community of faith by God's grace.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
John 15:12

OUR VISION

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church will show our love for God, our love for neighbors,
and our desire to make disciples.

Because we love God, we will:

- Worship and pray together.
- Help each other develop a meaningful relationship with God.
- Model our faith to children, youth, and others.

Because we love our neighbor, we will:

- Serve one another, especially the unseen and underserved within our congregation.
- Support those in need in our Lancaster community and in the world through our ties with the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.
- Love others boldly in a diverse and changing world, deepening relationships with our neighbors.

Because we desire to make disciples, we will:

- Seek to teach God's love through adult education, our programs for children and youth, and our preschool.
- Offer small groups that connect God's Word to our everyday lives and create communities of faith.
- Share the good news in creative and authentic ways with the St. Peter's family and with neighbors in our community.

POINSETTIA & MEMORIAL GIFT

Poinsettias or a Memorial Gift may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Friday, December 6. A listing for Poinsettias and Benevolence Gifts will appear in the December 24 bulletins.

MEMORIAL GIFT TO ST. PETER'S BENEVOLENCE FUND

\$_____ Gift - Envelope #_____

Given in memory or in honor of: (CIRCLE ONE)

(Print name(s) as you desire them to be printed in the bulletin)

Given by: _____

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



_____ 6½" pot with 3-4 blooms - \$7.50 each



\$_____ Total - Envelope #_____

Given in memory or in honor of: (CIRCLE ONE)

(Print name(s) as you desire them to be printed in the bulletin)

Given by: _____

Please check: _____ I will leave my plant to be delivered to a homebound member.

_____ I will pick up my plant.

(Poinsettias may be picked up after the last service on Christmas Eve)

Please return this form and check payable

To "St. Peter's Lutheran Church"

By Friday, December 6



LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1

Name Tag Sunday
8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. - Addiction Ministry Prayer Group (Cry Room)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (Family Life Ctr)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)
12:00 p.m. - Campaign Planning Committee (Conference Room)
4:00 p.m. - Musical Arts (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. - Youth Group
6:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Practice

Monday, December 2

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Augsburg Alley), Al Anon (Room 102)

Tuesday, December 3

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 a.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)
7:00 p.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)
7:30 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

Thursday, December 5

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Eden Resort)
1:15 p.m. - Power Packs (Youth Lounge/FLC)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)
7:00 p.m. - Mennonite Children's Chorus (Sanctuary)

Friday, December 6

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)
5:00 p.m. - St. Nicholas Workshop for Children (Café/FLC)

Saturday, December 7

10:00 a.m. - Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank (Youth Lounge)

Sunday, December 8

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (Family Life Center)

Sunday, December 8 (continued)

11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)
12:00 p.m. - Addiction Ministries luncheon and Packing (Café)
6:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Practice

Monday, December 9

9:00 a.m. - Mission Campaign Steering Committee (Conf. Room)
9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting (Off Site)
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Augsburg Alley), Al Anon (Room 102)

Tuesday, December 10

Herald Deadline
1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Children's Sermon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 a.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
7:00 p.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)
7:30 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

Thursday, December 12

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Augsburg Alley)
1:15 p.m. - Power Packs (FLC/Youth Lounge)
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, December 13

12:00 p.m. - Cookie Walk Set up (Narthex)
12:00 p.m. - Santa Breakfast Set up (FLC/Café)
1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Saturday, December 14

9:00 a.m. - Santa Breakfast (Café/Kitchen/FLC)
9:00 a.m. - Cookie Walk (Narthex)

Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. - Addiction Ministry Prayer Group (Cry Room)
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)
4:00 p.m. - Just for Fun Christmas Party (Stoners' & Burkes')
5:30 p.m. - Dinner Theater (FLC/Café)



LOOKING AHEAD (continued)

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, December 16

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
2:45 a.m. - Mission Campaign Steering Committee (Conf. Room)
6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Children's Sermon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)
7:30 p.m. - St Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Augsburg Alley) Al Anon (Room 102)

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 a.m. - Mission Campaign Steering Committee (Conf. Room)
10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
11:00 a.m. - Sages Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (Fyfe Home)

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 a.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)
11:00 a.m. - Preparation for Sages Luncheon (Kitchen)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. - Advent Service (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, December 19

9:00 a.m. - Preparation for Sages Luncheon (Café/FLC/Kitchen)
11:00 a.m. - Sages Christmas Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 p.m. - Sages Luncheon (Café)
1:15 p.m. - Power Packs (Youth Lounge/FLC)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, December 20

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Sunday, December 22

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:15 a.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Cry Room)
10:00 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. - Darkest Night Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 23

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Room 102)

Tuesday, December 24

3:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. - WOLD Christmas Eve Service (Chapel)
7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 25

Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 27

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Sunday, December 29

9:45 a.m. - Service of the Word (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

Monday, December 30

1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Augsburg Alley), Al Anon (Room 102)



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