



# The Herald Newsletter

## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

## December 2022



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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 Outdoor Worship**  
at 2:00 p.m.

*“Living Puppets” Children's Story-Sermon*

**Family Services of Holy Communion**  
at 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.  
*Pastor Ross preaches*

**Traditional Services of Holy Communion**  
at 7:30 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.  
*Pastor Ross preaches*

### **Mid-Week Advent Worship** **Wednesdays in Advent**

We invite you to join us for Mid-Week Worship on Wednesdays in the Advent season, as we gather around the theme “How the coming of Jesus to the world as Messiah is foretold in the words of the prophet Isaiah.”

(See page 5 for more information.)



**Sunday, December 25**  
**Christmas Day**

**Unified Service**  
**of Lessons and Carols**

The service will be at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for both New Day and Traditional worshipping communities. Sister Dottie will lead.

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# December Worship Schedule



**Wednesday, November 30: Week 1, Mid-week Advent Service**

*God's Upside Down Kingdom -- Pastor Ross preaches*

**Sunday, December 4: Advent 2**

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. -- *Pastor Ross preaches*

Traditional Services of Holy Communion at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. -- *Pastor Hand preaches*

**Wednesday, December 7: Week 2, Mid-week Advent Service**

*What Darkness is in Our Lives? -- Sister Dottie preaches*

**Sunday, December 11: Advent 3**

New Day Service of the Word at 10:30 a.m. -- *Sister Dottie preaches*

Traditional Service of the Word at 8:00 a.m.; Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. with Sacrament of Holy Baptism -- *Pastor Ross preaches*

**Wednesday, December 14: Week 2, Mid-week Advent Service**

*Israel as captive -- how are we held captive?? -- Pastor Ross preaches*

**Thursday, December 15: Sages Christmas Service**

Pew Communion Service of Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. -- *Pastor Ross preaches*

(The service is open to all ages.)

**Sunday, December 18: Advent 4**

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. -- *Sister Dottie preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m.; Traditional Service of the Word at 10:30 a.m. with Sacrament of Holy Baptism -- *Pastor Hand preaches*

**Sunday, December 18: Darkest Night Service**

Service of Healing and Remembrance at 6:00 p.m. -- *Pastor Ross leads*

-- Anointing with Oil offered and Remembrance Candle Lighting Rite

**Wednesday, December 21: Week 3, Mid-week Advent Service**

*Jesus brings Justice for all? -- Sister Dottie preaches*

**Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve**

Outdoor Family Services of Holy Communion at 2:00 p.m.

-- "Living Puppets" Children's Story-Sermon

Family Services of Holy Communion at 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.

-- *Pastor Ross preaches*

Traditional Services of Holy Communion at 7:30 & 9:00 p.m.

-- *Pastor Ross preaches*

**Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day**

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

Traditional worshipping communities

-- *Sister Dottie leads*

**Sunday, January 1: Christmas 1**

Unified Service at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for both New Day and

Traditional worshipping communities.

-- *Sister Dottie leads*

## **Mid-Week Advent Worship**

Mid-week Advent services begin the last day of November, as we celebrate the coming of our Savior to the world. Our theme this Advent is how the coming of Jesus to the world as Messiah is foretold in the words of the prophet Isaiah. These brief half-hour services feature Holy Communion, two hymns, a brief liturgy and a short homily. The worship leaders for each Wednesday are:

**Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.: Pastor Ross**

**Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.: Sister Dottie**

**Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.: Pastor Ross**

**Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.: Sister Dottie**

**Nancy LeFevre will offer musical leadership each week**



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

## **Sages Christmas Service — December 15**



A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL OF ST. PETER'S SAGES: On Thursday, December 15, St. Peter's will host an early Sages Christmas Service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The event is open to any member who has celebrated 80 or more birthdays. Communion will be offered in the pews and the congregation will be seated for the entire service. Watch for your invitation in the mail and feel free to invite friends or family to join you. Following the service, there will be a luncheon in the Narthex giving you time to reconnect with other members and enjoy some holiday fellowship time. Please let us know you will be coming by calling the church office (717-569-9211) or Christine Smith (717-299-0949) by Monday, December 12. If you need a ride, let us know as well. We look forward to worshipping and gathering with you on this special day.

## **Service Opportunity: Drivers Needed for Sages Christmas Event December 15**

Our Christmas Sages Service will be held Thursday, December 15. If you are able to give one of our Sages a ride to and from the service and luncheon, 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!



## **Volunteers Needed for Christmas Poinsettia Delivery**



It is a tradition at St. Peter's to bring holiday cheer and blessings to some of our older members who are not able to attend a Christmas Service. Consider signing up to deliver that Christmas poinsettia cheer this year! What a wonderful tradition to start or continue with your family. Delivery can be made on Christmas day or in the days to follow. If interested, sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery or contact Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 or [cjsmith1984@gmail.com](mailto:cjsmith1984@gmail.com) if you are able to be a poinsettia Santa.

## **Darkest Night Service**



Join us for a healing service on Sunday evening, December 18 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.

## **Holy Baptism**



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will next be offered on Sunday, December 11 and Sunday, December 18 at the traditional worship services. Candidates are still being received for these offerings of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call Pastor Ross if you are interested in participating.

## **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 8. We will formally install our 2023 Congregation Council along with our Congregational Officers. Additionally, we will recognize and commission our committee chairs and committee members who are present.

## **Livestreaming Options**

Livestreaming options are available for the 8:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:30 a.m. New Day Praise services. If you can't join us in person, join us online! <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/live/>. Traditional service bulletins can be accessed at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/bulletins>.

If you have difficulty joining online, here is the direct link to access the traditional services:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLchet49yt-WuV0lwXJZNNOC2QJlm2Jdyw>

Here is the link for the New Day Services:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLchet49yt-WveKbIhrVBQDN0hM2KoGE87>.

## **Previous Worship Services**

Previous services can be accessed under the videos section of our Facebook page, or by visiting our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpeterslutheranlancaster>.

A link to the "Live" page is on our website under recent service videos on YouTube.

## **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 23

OFFICE CLOSED on December 26 (Christmas Day deferred)

OFFICE CLOSED on December 27 (Christmas Holiday)

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Flex-hours) on December 28, 29 & 30

OFFICE CLOSED on January 2 (New Year's Day deferred)

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Normal Schedule) beginning January 3



## Adult Christian Education

### *Weekdays*

#### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**



Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues its study of Matthew through the end of December. The tentative schedule is below. It is modest due to our typical two week break around the year-end Christmas celebrations. Beginning in January, we will switch to our mid-year mini-study of "Angels in the Bible." Remember to send suggestions to Pastor Ross about angels whom you especially want to talk.

Why not consider making a New Year's resolution to join this vibrant group of fellow believers in our study of God's Word? We touch on much more than what these stories mean because the Bible is as often as not a prompt for faith reflection in your life and the world in which we live. Pastor Ross facilitates the class which meets in the Café on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. We Zoom the class for those who cannot attend in person. Friends are welcome. Coffee is provided. Our December schedule is:

**December 7 – Matthew, Chapters 15-16**

**December 14 – Matthew, Chapters 17-18**

**December 21 – NO CLASS – Christmas Week**

**December 28 – NO CLASS – Christmas Break**

Please direct any questions to Pastor Ross at [craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org)



**December Pub Theology** – On Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m., Lynn and Scott Fyfe will host our December meeting. Please bring a dish and beverage to share. We will have trivia and discussion! Please RSVP to Sister Dottie if you can attend at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org).

### *Sundays*

**9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**The "Pod" Class** meets in room 100 and discusses the Sunday scripture lessons.

**Adult Christian Education Class** meets Sunday mornings in the Conference Room at 9:15 a.m. During December we will discuss Advent and Christmas tradition, theology and the evolution of Christmas symbols. All are welcome to join us for learning and conversation.

**Reminder:** No Sunday School on December 25 or January 1. We will return to our normal schedule on January 8.



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



## Fellowship Events



### **Congregational Dinner Theater**

**Sunday, December 11**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Family Life Center**



Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by our production of *No Room in the Inn*. The cast includes children, youth and adults. Our youth and adults will also help serve dinner to the tables. Tickets need to be purchased for a free will offering. This is a youth fundraiser. Dinner includes stuffed chicken breasts, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad and dessert as well as beverages. Tickets are on sale in the narthex on Sunday mornings or by contacting the church office. Questions can be directed to Leslie McCarthy at [lesliericemccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:lesliericemccarthy@gmail.com) or Sister Dottie at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org).

### **Children's Ministry – Dinner Theater**

Children in our PreK/Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are needed to be part of our angel choir for the dinner theater. They are already practicing the music in Sunday School. Practice will be Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided at 5:00 p.m. or come at 6:30 p.m. for just the practice. Dinner theater will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. Contact Sister Dottie at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org) if your child is interested!



## From the Tanzania Mission Committee



**COOKIE WALK — We're back! Mark your calendars!** The Tanzania Mission Committee invites everyone to St. Peter's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10. It will be held in the **Family Life Center** from 9:00 a.m. to noon or until the cookies sell out. We invite you to bring family and friends to buy Christmas cookies from this incredible assortment of homemade cookies. Come early for the best selection! We are offering two size boxes, the small box for \$8 and the large box for \$15. As always, all proceeds go to help educate and support the orphans in the Busoka Lutheran Church parish in Tanzania.

**ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS —** The 15th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10 is on its way! That means it is time for all cookie bakers to sign up to bake a double batch of your best Christmas cookies and bring them to the church on Friday, December 9, noon-7:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets for baking cookies will be at tables in the Narthex and New Day on Sunday, November 27 and December 4. The Sign-up Genius will also be available for baker sign-ups. The Tanzania Mission Committee thanks you. Here is the sign-up link for bakers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4aaea723a4f94-tmccookie>. You may also call the church office to sign up.



**NOTE: All Cookie Walk operations are in the Family Life Center. This is much more spacious with room to spread out. There will be more tables spaced out with fewer cookies on them to try to keep the line moving. The Preschool door close to Delp Road will be used for ENTRY, and the side door of the FLC will be the EXIT. Cookie bakers will also use the Preschool door for cookie delivery on Friday, December 9.**

**Help wanted!** Please come **check us out** and **lend a hand**. How? On Friday, December 9 from noon to 7:00 p.m., we receive the cookies as the bakers drop them off at St. Peter's and prepare the trays of cookies. We could use your help in preparing the trays. So if you can spare an hour or two or three, we would be grateful for your help. Please contact Elizabeth Fechtmann-Crippen at [cpen11310@gmail.com](mailto:cpen11310@gmail.com) or text/call at 717-330-7438 for more details.

## Mission Campaign



St. Peter's Family,

As always, we appreciate your interest in staying abreast of the progress in our *Faith in Our Future* campaign.

**As of mid-November, 106 households have helped us secure pledges totaling \$946,180 with pledge payments and outright gifts totaling \$553,884.** Of the dollars received, \$480,000 have been allocated to the capital projects component of the campaign, almost all of which have been completed - the final project in the Family Life Center is scheduled for completion in January. **Thank you for your generosity that has propelled us this far!**

At our town hall meeting several weeks ago, one of our church family members observed that he did not see any "outreach" in the mission campaign. We appreciated hearing this observation. It is indeed true that our campaign funding effort to-date has been focused on capital needs. This means that we now can indeed fully turn our attention to the mission (outreach and service) focus of the campaign!

This three-year campaign was very strategically designed based on the feedback all of you provided when you participated in our 2019 feasibility study. The prevailing sentiment was a strong desire to tend to long-standing and critical upgrades and repairs to the exterior and interior of the church. **We also learned through that study that there are individuals motivated to help pay down our mortgage debt, freeing up operating dollars for programmatic, outreach, and benevolence support. And most directly tied to outreach is the creation of the Mission Fund.** To clarify some misperceptions, the Mission Fund will not be a source of funds to "write checks" to other organizations. Rather, it is the culmination of our commitment to Word and Deed—how do we, as members of St. Peter's, take the Good Word into the community, both near and far, to roll up our sleeves to serve others.

With the generosity and energy around the first component of the campaign as a springboard, we are very excited to shift our attention to the Mortgage Reduction and Mission Funding phase, which happens to be where each of us brings the greatest passion and energy. We will be reaching out to all households in the coming weeks to ask everyone to contribute to the debt reduction and Mission Fund priorities of the campaign. **But you don't have to wait for that mail to arrive! If you are drawn to supporting these critical components of the campaign, you can print a campaign pledge form from our campaign website at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/mission-campaign/>.**

**As we look to our holiday season traditions, we ask you to consider your year-end giving to the church.** This is an important time of year to consider gifts of all kinds, including cash, securities, or Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs, which remain the best way to give for those over 70.5. Remember, this is the only way to avoid taxes on Required Minimum Distributions.

**Thank you for your gifts of financial treasure, continued prayers, discernment, and commitment to the success of *Faith in Our Future*!!** We appreciate you continuing on this journey with us.

With Faith in Our Future,

Jen and Adrian

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Adrian Young ([adrianyoung@verizon.net](mailto:adrianyoung@verizon.net) or 717-314-8556)

### Church Council Meeting Minutes Available

During the November council meeting, the October council minutes were approved. The minutes can now be accessed at the following link to a page on the church website to make them more accessible to the congregation: <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/congregational-documents/> If you are unable to access the link and would like a copy of the minutes, please contact the church office at 717-569-9211.



Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

November 23, 2022

***Every man shall give as he is able,  
according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.***  
Deuteronomy 6:17 (KJV)

Dear St. Peter's family,

Over the last several weeks, congregational leaders have brought transparency to our current financial situation at St. Peter's. Although the immediate picture is not "rosy," we are confident that this communication has started a process of refining and refocusing our attitudes towards the stewardship of the Lord's gifts. **As we celebrate Thanksgiving and look toward the birth of Jesus, we ask the St. Peter's family to do what it's done so many times in our history – step up and provide an additional end-of-year gift to support St. Peter's ministries and benevolence.**

St. Peter's and its vibrant ministries exist thanks to the commitment and generosity of you. The end of the year has always been an important time in the giving cycle of our congregation. Although we depend on regular giving on a weekly or monthly basis, end-of-year gifts are especially important this year, as we embark on the journey to reimagine and rebuild our church under both interim and new pastoral and lay leadership.

We encourage you to consider gifts of all kinds, including cash, securities, and Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs, which remain the best way to give for those over 70.5 (remember, a QCD is the only way to avoid taxes on Required Minimum Distributions).

**We are blessed by you and your strong consideration of this year-end appeal for help.** St. Peter's remains a generous congregation, giving of time, talent, and treasure, both to support our congregation and help community organizations, near and far. Thank you!

Blessings to you as we enter the Advent season,

Adam Gegg, Council President

Greg Hand, Congregation Council Vice-President

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## Finance Committee

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF 2022 (Jan-Oct)

GENERAL OPERATIONS	2021	2022	2022	negative diff: actual less than budget
	YTD	YTD	YTD	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	
				<i>YTD Act to Bud</i>
Weekly Offering Income	716,059	641,564	760,833	(119,269)
Special Offering Income	4,910	12,957	23,124	(10,167)
<b>Offering Income Totals</b>	<b>\$720,969</b>	<b>\$654,521</b>	<b>\$783,957</b>	<b>\$(129,436)</b>
Debt Reduction Income	137,605	105,879	129,087	(23,208)
Debt Reduction Expenses	(147,960)	(120,726)	(113,389)	(7,337)
<b>Income less Debt Red. Expense</b>	<b>(\$ 10,355)</b>	<b>(\$ 14,847)</b>	<b>\$ 15,698</b>	<b>(\$ 30,545)</b>
Other Income	86,127	67,850	135,466	(67,616)
Gen Fund Expenses	(828,146)	(837,038)	(927,209)	90,171
<b>Income less Expense</b>	<b>(\$ 742,019)</b>	<b>(\$ 769,188)</b>	<b>(\$ 791,743)</b>	<b>\$22,555</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>944,701</b>	<b>828,250</b>	<b>1,048,510</b>	<b>(220,260)</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>(976,106)</b>	<b>(957,764)</b>	<b>(1,040,598)</b>	<b>82,834</b>
<b>Net Income - General Fund</b>	<b>(\$31,405)</b>	<b>(\$129,514)</b>	<b>\$7,912</b>	<b>(\$137,426)</b>
Commercial Fulton Bank mortgages - balance at 10/31/22: \$1,472,542				

Above report is without Preschool day school, Scouting and Mission Campaign.

### 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVED AT NOV. 13 ANNUAL MEETING

Includes Mission Campaign at equal revenue and expenses

Preschool Day School	2023	2022		
	BUDGET	BUDGET	Diff	% change
REVENUE	176,280	151,152	25,128	17%
EXPENSES	(176,280)	(151,152)	(25,128)	17%
General Fund	2023	2022		
	BUDGET	BUDGET	Diff	% change
REVENUE	1,445,872	1,543,961	(98,089)	-6%
EXPENSES	(1,445,872)	(1,543,961)	98,089	-6%

#### NOTE:

The Finance Committee has worked hard to build a realistic general fund budget for 2023.

In order to prevent additional reductions of \$72,200, we ask members to give to the general fund AND to the Champion Fund to help us cover all necessary budgeted needs.

**Champion Fund-revenue needed** **\$ 72,200**

#### NOTE:

Any excess over the \$72,200 special giving will go to the general fund.  
Thank you in advance!

**Add'l budget reductions (if needed)** **\$ (72,200)**



## **Stewardship**

### **Gifted to Serve The Offering of Time and Talent**

Each month your Stewardship committee will bring you a new feature! A member will share how being part of a ministry helps them spiritually and how it keeps them connected to St. Peter's. You will also hear more about the different ministries and the opportunities to serve your church family and community.

#### **Kathy Berkebile Chairperson of Community Meals and Recovery Ministry/Vantage House**

My husband Paul and I have been members at St. Peter's for over 30 years. We raised our three children in this faith family where volunteering was a large part of our lives. From Strawberry Festivals, Fellowship committees, councils and church picnics we have always found joy in offering our time and talents.

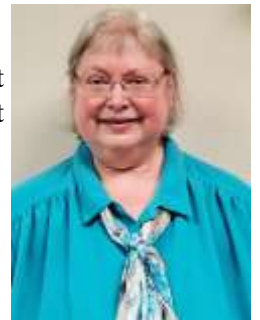
As a nurse I have always wanted to help others. While working I was never able to help with the Community Meal. However now that I am retired, I have taken the role of chairperson of the Community Meals. This is an extremely rewarding mission. We currently serve meals to 75-100 persons twice a month. Meals are prepared at St. Peter's then packaged as take out and transported to Grace Lutheran in Lancaster. They are then handed out to the food underserved of the city. I have a wonderful group of people that are part of this team but we can always use more!

The Recovery Ministry was started by Vicar Nancy as her intern project. I became the chairperson shortly after its formation. COVID hit this mission very hard. We are looking forward to getting on track now that we can be in person once again. Vantage House is a branch of this ministry. This is a recovery house for women and their children. Again, St. Peter's is a big support for them. WELCA has joined in our support for this mission and has contributed personal care kits as well as gift cards for this wonderful group of women.



**Herald Choir Rehearsals** continue on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Please join us!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eldonna Filardi, Interim Organist/Choir Director at [eldonna.filardi@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:eldonna.filardi@stpeterslutheran.org).



## **December Concert News**

Although the Musical Arts Committee is not sponsoring concerts this year, pending the hiring of a new Music Director, we will be hosting concerts here at St. Peter's for two outside groups in December:



**Saturday, December 3, 7:30 pm:** Allegro Orchestra's Christmas in the Round. This is a ticketed event. To order, visit: <https://allegroorchestralancaster.ticketspice.com/december-32022-christmas-in-the-round-st-peters-lutheran-church>. Members of St. Peter's receive a \$5 discount per ticket by entering code "STP".

**Thursday, December 29, 7:00 pm:** American Guild of Organists' Christmas at the Organ. Tickets are not required, but there will be a free-will offering collected at the event.

We hope to see you at these festive musical events.

## **Prayer Chain Ministry**

As we are in the holiday season, we would like to say how blessed we feel to be entrusted with your trust as you ask us to pray for you and family members. Most times, this is under stressful circumstances (someone is hospitalized unexpectedly, passed unexpectedly, loses a job, etc). All requests received are always treated with respect and confidentiality, and will continue to be treated that way. We have to be asked to put someone on the chain.



“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10

Also, the Prayer Chain thanks Sandy for her years of faithful service of helping us. She has been a blessing to the Prayer Chain and will be missed. We wish her amazing things on her retirement!

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## **Health & Wellness**

### **HIV/AIDS recognition**



While we have been focusing on the COVID pandemic, it seems that HIV/AIDS has taken a back seat. Globally, there are an estimated 38 million people who have HIV. Despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS related illnesses, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history.



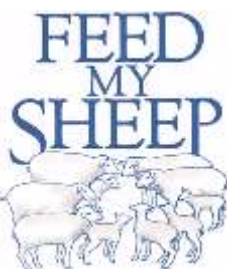
Fortunately, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, there are laws to protect people living with HIV, and we understand so much more about the condition. Despite these advances, each year thousands of people are diagnosed with HIV. People do not know the facts about how to protect themselves and others, and stigma and discrimination remain a reality for many people living with the condition.

World AIDS day is December 1. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV/AIDS, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. While it may be once a year, you can still support people living with HIV/AIDS all year. World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education.

Getting tested is the only way to find out if you have HIV. If you are living with HIV, starting treatment early means you can live a full, healthy and productive life. Free and confidential HIV tests are available.

#### **Buy a red ribbon**

World AIDS Day is an opportunity to show solidarity with the millions of people living with HIV worldwide. Most people do this by wearing an HIV awareness red ribbon on the day.



### **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; canned low sodium soup; boxed macaroni and cheese; instant stuffing & potatoes; canned yams; complete pancake mix & syrup; canned tuna and chicken; tuna, beef & chicken helper; cereal; instant oatmeal; ground coffee.* Non-perishable food may be dropped off in the carts in the Narthex and at New Day. Items go to the Lancaster County Food Hub. ***Thanks for your donations!***

## Social Ministry

### Community Meal Day



The Community Meals have been serving 75-100 meals over the past few months. We are looking for a few volunteers who love to bake some simple desserts! These could be made at your convenience at your home and brought to the church on the first or second Wednesday of the month. The side door at the kitchen will be open from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. as we prepare meals. We are looking for cookies, brownies or cake, and cupcakes without icing. Our plan is that if we get several desserts we could then freeze them for an upcoming meal. We have currently been purchasing approximately 150 individual desserts per month.

This would be a great help and the people receiving the meals really appreciate it when we can give them homemade items! You could even include us in your holiday baking! Any questions please contact Kathy Berkebile at [kberkebile@comcast.net](mailto:kberkebile@comcast.net), or text 717-725-0162.

**December Community Meals** will be Wednesdays, December 7 and December 14 at Grace Lutheran Church. For more information about volunteering, please contact Kathy Berkebile at [kberkebile@comcast.net](mailto:kberkebile@comcast.net).



### Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank at St. Peter's

Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank will be open on **Saturday, December 3** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. To volunteer, please contact Molly Olmsted at [astaloo@me.com](mailto:astaloo@me.com). The clothing bank is always in need of new underwear, especially for older teens (adult sizes).

**Christmas Giving Trees** Visit the tree in the narthex or youth lounge. We are collecting gift cards, games, toys and other items for local shelters and for local families and children in need. Instructions are on the ornament you will take with the items needed. Please return by Sunday, December 11. Questions can be directed to Sister Dottie at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org).



### Arts Hallway Exhibit

Please visit the "Arts Hallway" during December and January to view a display of Quilts created by the Quilting Group of St. Peters. These beautiful works of art are on display to share with you how a small group from our church takes 48 squares of fabric and sews them into a warm and comforting quilt. When completed these quilts will leave St. Peters to touch a life in our local community.

Please enjoy the display and know your support of your quilting group is directly returned to support the local community's needs.



### From Sandy Shattuck

There comes a time in life to make the decision to retire and that time has arrived for me as your Parish Secretary. Although it is with mixed emotions, I have decided it is a good time in my life to retire at the end of the year. My last day will be Friday, December 30, 2022.

I am excited for what lies ahead for me, but it is still bittersweet, since I have loved the 13 years working here at St. Peter's. I will miss the many wonderful people here and the many friendships made over the years. I am truly grateful to the staff and congregation for the great experience and the memories made.

My prayers for peace and blessings,

*Sandy*





## Groups and Events

**50 + Group** — Please join us on Thursday, December 1 at noon in the Café for lunch, fellowship, entertainment and education. You won't want to miss Bob Frick's last three lectures this session. December's first ladies are Elizabeth Ann Bloomer Ford and Eleanor Rosalynn Smith Carter. Please bring your own sandwich, place setting, a beverage, and a snack to share. If you want to come just for the lecture, join us by 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 717-318-8848 or email [djshue52@Comcast.net](mailto:djshue52@Comcast.net).

**Widows Group** — The Widows Group meetings are continuing at St. Peter's on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. and usually last about one hour. Our next meeting will be on December 27 in Room 100. We discuss what is going on in our lives and some fun things as well.

**WELCA** — We will meet on Thursday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m. in Augsburg Alley. All women are welcome to join us! Sally Rager (717-569-6119) Kathy Caldwell (717-396-7739)



**Women's Retreat** — All women 18 and over are invited! January 20-22 at Camp Kirchenwald – watch for more details!!



**St. Peter's Lutheran Church Craft Show** — St. Peter's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Show will be held on Saturday, November 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Join us and do your Christmas shopping or buy holiday decorations! Purchase breakfast sandwiches or lunch from our youth. This is a popular event with great handmade items by both members of our congregation as well as the community.







## **Pastor's Letter**

*In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.*

*~Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn, ELW 242*

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

These days, we have other anxieties ... ones that aren't solved by the "perfect present" or the "just right" tree topper for the Frazier Fir in the corner of your living room. These days we have anxiety over the economy ... and the violence we see around the globe that can be as substantive as the war in Ukraine or as particular as the shooting that happened two streets down from your home. We struggle to find direction from political leaders whose focus sometimes appears to be more focused on re-election, than on governance. And even core activities like shopping feel unstable, as one week Giant has more toilet tissue than shelves to hold it, and other weeks those shelves are as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. And it doesn't help that your favorite condiment, Temeraire French Dijon Mustard has been gone for weeks now, does it?

Even church, the place we often frequent for a spirit of sanctuary and peace, is not quite as peaceful as we like it. We're anxious that the return of members to our sanctuary for worship is not progressing as quickly as we would like ... we're nervous about sluggish offerings in a difficult economy ... we wonder what changes will result from staff position vacancies in some key areas like music and the church office. Our typically strong volunteer base has been tested, as more people engage worship from their living rooms, while others are cautious about being close to people due to health challenges in their lives.

If this is the way you view the world most mornings that you arise, then Advent is a season that should be as meaningful to you and me as any of our liturgical seasons throughout the year. Because Advent focuses upon the coming of the Prince of Peace into our world. Advent reminds us that when things seem to be the darkest, it is not because sunset is upon us, but because daybreak is just starting to crest on the horizon. Advent invites us, dare we say, "demands of us" to see our world through the eyes of one of our most robust Advent hymns, *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*. We are always people of hope, because Jesus is alive in the world through you and me. I cannot begin to hazard a guess as to what Jesus' coming means for our world, this year. I am no Pollyanna who expects magical solutions to problems that have developed over years and decades and even centuries. But I am a believer in the Lord of Life who is also the Prince of Peace – our savior who has come into our world so as to redeem and renew us in the messes we create, and save us from ourselves, if need be. During this Advent season, let us faithfully watch together for Jesus' joyous arrival in our lives.

See you in church,

***Pastor Ross***

## **Communication: The Website Is Your Friend!**



Please go to our website [www.stpeterslutheran.org](http://www.stpeterslutheran.org) to find out the latest schedules and calendar events. Check out blog posts to help you plan or to engage your faithful preparations this season. Be sure to check out our Facebook page as well (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster>) for posts about upcoming events or to catch the beauty and joy of a past event. If you have questions about events and schedules that you can't find on the website, don't hesitate to contact a staff member. We would love to hear from you.

# Youth & Family Ministry News...

**Christmas Dinner Theater – Sunday, December 11 – 5:30 p.m.**  
***No Room at the Inn***



- Actors needed with and without speaking parts
- Practices are Sundays, November 27 and December 4
- Youth and Adult Servers are needed the night of the dinner – December 11
- Angel Choir leaders and dancers are needed as well!



## Youth Winter Retreats

Senior High (Grades 9-12) – February 3-5  
Middle School (Grades 5-8) – February 10-12  
Camp Kirchenwald – Watch for more details.....

Please contact Sister Dottie if you have any questions at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org).

## St. Peter's Preschool



We have been super busy here at preschool since the last *Herald* came out. We ended October with our Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat. We were so excited to see how the Trunk or Treat event has doubled in size from last year's. So many families came out with their cars decorated and we had the perfect weather!

We are finishing up our Thrive & Grit collection and we are so appreciative of all the donations we received. Please feel free to donate items for this project at any time throughout the year and we will make sure it gets put to good use. We hope you saw our story on the cover of the local Merchandiser. A few other highlights for November - Chipotle fundraiser, Thanksgiving celebrations, and our teachers were involved with Manheim Township's Early Learning Exchange.



Looking ahead to December:

**Christmas Concert** – December 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

**Puppet Show** – December 5 at 10:00 a.m.

**Enrollment** – We currently have 2 openings in our 4 & 5 year old class. Please contact Heather for more information.

**Christmas Break** – Preschool will be closed December 19 until January 3, 2023.

**Prayground** – We still have a few openings for Prayground. Please contact Heather for more information.

**2023 Enrollment Packets** – Next school year's enrollment packets will be available to our current families in January 2023 and it will be open to the public in February 2023.



Heather Cramer, St. Peter's Preschool Director  
717-569-9211  
[heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org)



# ST. PETER'S KIDS

November has been quite a busy month for Sunday School! Our November theme was, "We Are Thankful to God." We studied several Bible stories while continuing to enjoy crafts, science and cooking, games, and snacks – all related to praising God and being thankful!! As we are entering the season of advent, we are planning Sunday School lessons related to Christmas around the world.



Children's Ministries Committee is excited to invite all families and friends to join us for our first **Gingerbread Bash** to be held on **Friday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center**. It is an interactive family event designed to have participants engage in building a gingerbread nativity scene while also making Christmas ornaments, hearing the Christmas story from the Bible, and singing Christmas songs. Families and friends are asked to bring a plate of cookies to share, and we will provide hot chocolate, milk, and coffee. For planning purposes, please complete either a paper registration form, available in the narthex or register online by visiting our website and clicking on announcements to register. The deadline for registration is November 28. What a wonderful way to kick off the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We continue to ask families to consider preregistering for Sunday School by going to our website and clicking on the link that is on the LEARN page. That will be very helpful for our planning purposes. Thank you in advance for utilizing this tool that it is helpful for our planning purposes.



We are seeking volunteers to lead and help with the stations for grades 1 to 4 for a 4 to 6 week time period or as often as your time permits throughout the year. Everything is scripted so no preparation is required. All materials and resources are provided. Please consider getting involved with your child's Christian education and supporting our Sunday School program in this way. If you are able to volunteer, contact Cindy Geesey at [cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org). In addition, you may go to our sign-up genius by clicking on the following link : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AAEAE2EA2F94-stpeters>

As always, we welcome volunteers to serve on our Children's Ministries Committee. Please respond to Cindy Geesey, Director of Children's Ministries at [cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org) with any amount of interest you may have. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you and your children in Sunday School!



Blessings,

Cindy Geesey  
Director of Children's Ministries  
[cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org)



**RIGHT OF REFUSAL WAIVER FOR PHOTOS** — To ensure 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.

## All Saints' Day



THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS was observed on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at all services. Since the last All Saints' Sunday, the following members and friends of St. Peter's Lutheran Church died in the Lord and now find eternal rest in Christ's love.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Isabell Alleman	November 24, 2021
Helen Baer	July 19, 2022
Terry Beasley	October 27, 2022
Everett Beauregard	September 22, 2022
Lucille Beauregard	April 12, 2022
Bud Benton	February 14, 2022
Vernon Berndt	July 8, 2022
Earl Bloom	September 19, 2022
Kathy Deebel	June 15, 2022
Esta Denlinger	August 24, 2022
Marcienne Doerrmann	November 1, 2022
Donna Dunning	June 8, 2022
Edward Dunning	January 23, 2022
Esther Fickes	June 7, 2022
Barbara Gerhart	January 11, 2022
Joan Groff	August 28, 2022
Leslie Hartenstine	August 21, 2022
Eleanor Hathaway	September 18, 2022
Isaac Hathaway, Jr.	January 28, 2022
Mary Hathaway	December 31, 2021
Barbara Hoover	August 3, 2022
Caroline Huber	September 26, 2022
Mary Husson	August 15, 2022
Lloyd Johnson	August 4, 2022
Thomas J. Kenyon, Jr.	February 19, 2022
Tracy Leigh Lind	January 24, 2022
Bertie Miller	May 11, 2022
Beverly A. Peiffer	January 2, 2022
Aaron P. Rowe	September 25, 2022
Matthew Seigford	March 31, 2022
Maryhelen Shawkey	September 20, 2022
Samuel Singer	January 22, 2022
Beryl Swisher	October 8, 2022
Florence Thomas	May 22, 2022
Steve Weaver	October 25, 2022
John Zinkand	November 2, 2022

## Worship Assistant Schedule for December

	LECTORS	GREETERS	USHERS	WELCOME CENTER
<b>December 4</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Susan Ketchum	Betsy Kemper	Jo Boltz, Don Wenrich	Christine Ponti
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Gary Troxell	Alan & Beverly Swanson	Jim & Jane Savidge	Art & Libby Stoner
<b>December 11</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Eric May	Catharine Kimmich	Cindy Miley	Shirley Dombach
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Craig Boyhont	Gary & Dawn Troxell	Smith Family	Lester & Crystal Heiser
<b>December 18</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Mark Burkholder	Mark & Angela Moshos	Mary Ann Oberholtzer
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Karen Feldt	Dan & Karen Beck	Ann Larrick	Rich & Ann Larrick
<b>December 24</b> <b>3:30 p.m.</b>	Liz O'Brien	Sara Gable	Liz O'Brien	Dave & Lis Wolf
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Mark Burkholder	Vicki Legath	TBA	Mark & Darla Cardin
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	John Ford	Thompson McConnell	TBA	Lester & Crystal Heiser
<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	Jim Gotwald	Rich & Ann Larrick	TBA	Clarence Simon
<b>December 25</b> <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>(Combined Service)</b>	Greg Hand	Steve & Diane Gegg	TBA	Susie Roderick



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

	<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>A/V</b>	<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD COORD.</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>
<b>December 4</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Grayson Rotz	Jordan Lambert	Bob Courtois, Ginny Stickler	Debbie Shue	Susan Chever
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Persephone Shaffer	Bill Schlener	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
<b>December 11</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	—	Angela Moshos	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	David Smith	Dave Tilley	Margaret Strausser, Shirley Schlener	Debbie Shue	Dawn Troxell
<b>December 18</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	—	Tom Chever	Diane Gegg, Nancy LeFevre	Debbie Shue	Jill Kerchner
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Groff Family	Bob Preston	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
<b>December 24</b> <b>3:30 p.m.</b>	Iain O'Brien	Dave Tilley	Clint Frontz, Judy Logan	—	—
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	—	Jordan Lambert	Todd Benner, Thompson McConnell	—	—
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	—	Bob Preston	Karen Peiffer, Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	—	—
<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	—	Bill Schlener	Bret Hoffmaster, Eric May	—	—
<b>December 25</b> <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>(Combined Service)</b>	—	Jordan Lambert	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion

<b>Worship Participant Schedulers</b>		
Altar Guild	Debbie Shue	djshue52@comcast.net
A/V	Bill Schlener	billschlener@comcast.net
Communion Assistants	Karen Peiffer	kpeiffer13@comcast.net
Flower Delivery	Christine Smith	cjsmith1984@gmail.com
Greeters	Vicki Legath	Vicki.legath@gmail.com
Lectors	Thompson McConnell	thompsonmcconnell42@gmail.com
Ushers	Nancy Beauregard	rigger1564@comcast.net
Welcome Center	Jamie Rottmund	jrottmund@gmail.com

## December Flower Delivery Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deliverer</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
12/04/22	Lois Benton	June Hemsteger
12/04/22	Jo Boltz	Nancy Shimer
12/11/22	Christine Smith	Phyllis Seitz
12/11/22	Ken Shirk	Larry & Sylvia Miller
12/18/22	Liz O'Brien	Anna Dowie
12/18/22	Debbie Shue	Lura Zeswitz
12/25/22	All deliver	All receive



## NARTHEX COFFEE BAR



Below is the coffee bar schedule for December, 2022

December 4	Barb Beyer & Carol Bedford
December 11	Pat Badorf
December 18	Mark & Donna Aho
December 25	Christmas Day - No Coffee Bar

Thank you to all who serve at the coffee bar. If anyone would like to serve the church community by volunteering at the coffee bar, please contact Donna Aho at 717-371-0310 or [ademaho@comcast.net](mailto:ademaho@comcast.net) for more information.

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — DECEMBER 2022			
	December 4	December 11	December 18
<b>Lector</b>	Cheryl Laub	James Moshos	Jenny Sassaman
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Debbie Stover	No Communion	Dottie Almoney

## 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 Monday, December 5. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



\_\_\_\_\_ 6½" pot with 3-4 blooms - \$8.00 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 Monday, December 5

## **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.



## LOOKING AHEAD

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

### Thursday, December 1

12:00 p.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Café)  
7:00 p.m. - Herald Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Friday, December 2

5:00 p.m. - Gingerbread Bash (FLC/Café/Augsburg Alley)

### Saturday, December 3

10:00 a.m. - Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank (FLC)  
7:30 p.m. - Allegro Concert (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, December 4

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary and Livestream)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (Family Life Center and Livestream)  
5:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal (FLC)

### Monday, December 5

10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)

### Tuesday, December 6

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

### Wednesday, December 7

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & Zoom)  
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)  
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)  
7:00 p.m. - Advent Worship Service (Chapel)

### Thursday, December 8

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Augsburg Alley)  
7:00 p.m. - Herald Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Saturday, December 10

9:00 a.m. - Cookie Walk (Family Life Center)

### Sunday, December 11

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center and Livestream)  
5:30 p.m. - Dinner Theater meal (Café)  
6:30 p.m. - Dinner Theater play (Café)

### Monday, December 12

10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)  
7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

### Tuesday, December 13

7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Library)

### Wednesday, December 14

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & Zoom)  
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)  
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)  
7:00 p.m. - Advent Worship Service (Chapel)

### Thursday, December 15

11:00 a.m. - Sages Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
12:00 p.m. - Sages Reception (Narthex)  
7:00 p.m. - Herald Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Sunday, December 18

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary and Livestream)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (Family Life Center and Livestream)  
6:00 p.m. - Darkest Night Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Monday, December 19

10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)  
6:30 p.m. - Council Meeting (Conference Room)

### Tuesday, December 20

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Zoom)  
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (Home of the Fyfes)  
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)

### Wednesday, December 21

7:00 p.m. - Advent Worship Service (Chapel)

### Thursday, December 22

7:00 p.m. Herald Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Saturday, December 24

2:00 p.m. - Outdoor Christmas Eve Service  
3:30 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)  
5:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)  
7:30 p.m. - Traditional Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)  
9:00 p.m. - Traditional Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)  
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## LOOKING AHEAD (continued)

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 25

9:45 a.m. - Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

### Monday, December 26

6:30 p.m. - Human Resources Committee (Zoom)

### Tuesday, December 27

10:30 a.m. - Widows Group (Room 100)

### Thursday, December 29

7:00 p.m. - AGO Christmas at the Organ Concert (Sanctuary)



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NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

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*Sandy Shattuck, Editor & Parish Secretary*

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