



# “The Herald” Newsletter

## St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### December 2016



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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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#### Family Services of Holy Communion

at 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.

*Children’s Christmas Play as Sermon*

#### New Day Service of Communion at 7:00 p.m.

*Pastor Sarah Teichmann preaches*

#### Traditional Services of Holy Communion

at 7:30 & 10:00 p.m.

*Pastor Craig Ross preaches at 7:30 p.m.  
& Pastor Sarah Teichmann preaches at 10:00 p.m.*

#### Christmas Day Service

Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:45 a.m.

*Sister Dottie Almoney preaches*

#### Darkest Night Service

Join us for a healing service on Sunday evening, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for those who struggle with grief during the Christmas holiday season. Surrounded by a world which announces joy at every turn, and happiness with each breath, we will pause this night to offer God our struggles, which seem even more painful during this season of festivity. The hymns, lessons, prayers and readings of the service provide 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



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

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

THEME: The Annunciation

--*Sister Dottie Preaches*

**Sunday, December 4: *Advent 2***

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.

--*Pastor Craig Preaches*

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

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

THEME: The Nativity

--*Vicar Avery Preaches*

**Sunday, December 11: *Advent 3***

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

--*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 14: *Advent 3 Mid-week Service***

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

THEME: The Shepherds

--*Pastor Craig Preaches*

**Thursday, December 15: *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 18: *Advent 4***

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

-- *Vicar Avery Preaches*

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

--*Sister Dottie Preaches*

**Sunday, December 18: *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

**Wednesday, December 21: *Advent 4 Mid-week Service***

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

THEME: Herod

--*Pastor Sarah Preaches*

**Saturday, December 24: *Christmas Eve***

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

--*Children's Christmas Play as Sermon*

New Day Service of Communion at 7:00 p.m.

--*Pastor Sarah Preaches*

Traditional Services of Holy Communion at 7:30 & 10:00 p.m.

--*Pastor Ross (7:30) & Pastor Sarah (10:00) Preach*

**Sunday, December 25: *Christmas Day Service***

Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:45 a.m.

--*Sister Dottie Leads*

**Sunday, January 1: *The Name of Jesus***

Service of Holy Communion at 9:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Craig Preaches*

## SAGES CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SERVICE

### SAGES, MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Thursday, December the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will host our Annual Sages Christmas Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Pew communion will be offered along with special music from our choir. The service is designed for our Sages who are 80 or older who may not be able to be with us for a Christmas Eve service, and any others who wish to join us for an early season Christmas service. Communion is offered in the pews and the congregation is seated for the entire service. Pastor Craig will be the preacher for the day and Adam Lefever Hughes will play for the service and organize the special music.



A luncheon for our Sages will follow after the service for those who would like to attend to renew ties with other Sages they may not get to see often. Watch for your invitation in the mail. Feel free to invite friends or family members. Sandy in the church office (569-9211) and Christine Smith (299-0949) would be happy to make your luncheon reservations, arrange a ride or answer any questions.



### SAGES DRIVERS NEEDED

Drivers needed for Sages Christmas Service, December 22, 2016

Our Christmas Sages Service will be held Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you're able to offer one of our Sages a ride to the service, please sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery or call Christine Smith at 299-0949. Thank you! Approximate times 10:30 pick up and 1:30 drop off.

### Mid-Week Advent Worship

Mid-week Advent services continue in November, as we spend our remaining three Wednesdays considering themes from Martin Luther's Christmas Book. With the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's posting of *The 95 Theses* in 2017, Lutheran churches around the world are casting their thoughts to the heritage of Martin Luther's ministry in the Church, and how those thoughts translate into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are starting our touch points with Luther this Advent as a lead-in to 2017, by reflecting a bit on Luther's Christmas messages. Themes for the season are:

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: The Annunciation (Sister Dottie leads)**

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: The Nativity (Vicar Avery leads)**

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: The Shepherds (Pastor Craig leads)**

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>: Herod (Pastor Sarah leads)**

We hope you will consider joining us for mid-week Advent worship at 7:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. in our Chapel as we have brief half hour services of Word and Sacrament and celebrate Luther's Christmas heritage.

### Volunteers Needed for Christmas Poinsettia Delivery



It is a tradition at 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 interested, sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery, or contact Christine Smith at 299-0949 or [cjsmith1984@gmail.com](mailto:cjsmith1984@gmail.com).

### Nativity Display



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



Council News .....

## A Message from Your President

Isaiah: 3 - 5

*A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

Advent greetings from Council! As our thoughts turn to the many blessings we have, especially "the glory of the LORD soon to be revealed," I feel immeasurably blessed for two reasons: to be a member of St. Peter's, and to be your Council President!

We have had two very successful events, our Town Hall Meeting on October 23rd and our Annual Congregational Meeting held on November 13th. Our Town Hall meeting primarily focused on the letter of recommendations from our accountant. While we had several areas of concern, we have efficiently and effectively corrected all of them. In many ways, our revisions have enhanced our previous status, and we look forward to a much improved system of procedures.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting recognized our outgoing leaders, Jenny Sassaman, Council member and Glen Hauck, treasurer. We are grateful for their times of service. In addition, we welcome new members: Mark Linn, treasurer; Greg Strausser, Council member and look forward to engaging them in our leadership positions. Committee and leadership reports were received, and our 2017 budget was passed with a 181 to 1 vote. Thank you!

In conclusion, I commend each and every one of you for being a Christ-centered, energetic and compassionate congregation. I feel that the diligence and transparency of our staff, rostered leaders and Council has earned your trust being good stewards of all of God's gifts.

May this advent season bring you joy as we prepare the way for the LORD and open our hearts and minds to the peace and prosperity of knowing Christ the King.

*"And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together."*

I look forward to continuing to serve in 2017, and may you also feel blessed to be a member of this vibrant congregation!

Yours in Christ,  
Cindy Geesey, Council President

### **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 Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., December 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

OFFICE CLOSED on December 27<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Holiday)

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Flex-hours) on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

OFFICE CLOSED on January 2<sup>nd</sup> (New Year's Day deferred)

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Normal Schedule) beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Christian Education

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

**Note - No classes on December 25th or January 1st**

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

**Crosspoints** meets in the Conference Room.

Topics this month:

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| December 4  | “Second Half of Life”, led by Father Emmert                              |
| December 11 | “The Radical Reformation: Revolution and Withdrawal”, led by Pastor Geib |
| December 18 | “The Catholic Reformation: Reaction and Renewal”, led by Pastor Ross     |
| December 25 | NO CLASS — CHRISTMAS DAY   |

**Faith and Values** meets in Room 100 in the Youth Lounge. This fall's theme is “What do I think about ... and how does my faith inform me?”

Topics this month:

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| December 4  | “Let's Talk Turkey”      |
| December 11 | “Let's Talk about Race”  |
| December 18 | “It's the Economy...”    |
| December 25 | NO CLASS - CHRISTMAS DAY |

**Pastor Pretz's Bible Study** meets in Room 118. Each Sunday this class will explore in depth the Gospel reading for that day.

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues in December, as we study of the Book of Genesis, the foundation upon which much of the rest of our scriptural story is built, complete with epic stories, church heroes and heroines, and the establishment of God's covenant with the Jews, which we now share, as well.

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



Our schedule is:

**December 7 – Chapters 8-10 – Covenant**

**December 14 – Chapters 11-12 – Babel & Abram**

**December 21 – OPEN FORUM**

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

**Our World, God's Eyes** meets on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.



**Pub Theology will be cancelled for December.**  
We will resume again in January.



## Prayer Chain Ministry



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

As we approach the end of the year, the Prayer Chain thanks you all very much for the trust and confidence you place in us, with trusting the prayer chain with your prayer concerns. It is a privilege that we all take very seriously. Merry Christmas from your Prayer Chain! *“Be still and know that I am God”*. Psalm 46:10

### Poem Prayer for December 2016

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



### A Special Gift For You

The story is told by the prophets of old  
Of the birth of a babe in a manger  
The star was so bright on that heavenly night  
That it pointed the way to the Savior.

There on the hay the baby Jesus did lay  
Cradled by Mary, his Mother.  
Wisemen and all did come to that stall  
To view a sight like no other.

So be like the story, give God praise and glory  
And let Him come into your life.  
Soon sadness and fear will soon disappear  
And you will be rid of all strife.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM  
ST. PETER'S PRAYER CHAIN*



## Health and Wellness Committee

### **December: National Safe Toys and Gifts Month**

The Health and Wellness Committee is recognizing National Safe Toys and Gifts month. The following tips should be kept in mind when shopping for the holidays:

- Balloons – children can choke or suffocate on deflated or broken balloons. Keep them away from children, especially those balloons that should be discarded.
- Small toys or toys with small parts – children younger than 3 should be kept away from toys or part of toys that can cause choking.
- Scooters and other riding toys – riding toys, skateboards, and in-line skates go fast and falls can be deadly. Helmets and safety gear should be worn properly at all times and sized to fit.
- Magnets – high powered magnet sets are dangerous and should be kept away from children. Whether marketed for children or adults, building and play sets with small magnets should also be kept away from small children.

Once gifts are opened:

- Immediately discard plastic wrapping or other packaging, before they are used as play things.
- Keep toys appropriately for older children away from younger ones.
- Battery charging should be supervised by adults and away from children.

With combined efforts of all involved, everyone will have a safe and joyous holiday.

The Health and Wellness Committee wish you and yours a Merry Christmas!



## Social Ministry



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

Our December Distribution Day is Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contact Molly Olmsted at [astaloo@me.com](mailto:astaloo@me.com) if you can help.

### **Christmas Giving Trees**

**Christmas Giving Trees** are up in the Narthex and Youth Lounge. Some items are due by December 7<sup>th</sup> and others by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please return your items by these dates! Items will go to needy families, children and youth in the Manheim Township and City of Lancaster School Districts.



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### From the Tanzania Mission Committee (TMC)



#### **IT'S OUR TENTH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK!**

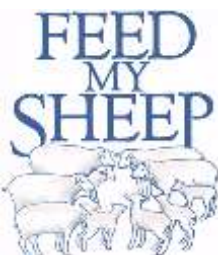
**Saturday, December 10, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (or until cookies are sold out)**

Thank you to those who have already signed up to bake Christmas cookies for the Cookie Walk; if you haven't signed up, there is still time. We ask you to double your best Christmas cookie recipe and bring them to the church narthex on **Friday, December 9 between 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.** PLEASE TRANSPORT THE COOKIES IN A TIN OR FLAT BOX. DO NOT TRANSPORT THEM IN PLASTIC BAGS AS THE COOKIES CRUMBLE AND THEN CANNOT BE DISPLAYED.

We invite the congregation to come to the Cookie Walk on **Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** with family and friends to select from the beautifully displayed Christmas cookies. Different this year: We have two box sizes: The box that we have used in the past is \$15, and we also have a half size box for \$8. There is Christmas spirit abounding as the aromas are heavenly; Adam Hughes, our organist, will provide Christmas music on the piano, with Maurielle Courtois playing her violin; and this year Mark Aho will be playing African drums. It is a festive, wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season, knowing you are also helping the orphans who are part of Busoka Lutheran Church, our companion congregation. Join in the baking, the buying or both. You will have delicious homemade Christmas cookies to take home and enjoy, knowing that you also made a difference in the lives of children.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



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

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

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

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

If you have questions about events and schedules that you can't find on the website, don't hesitate to call the church office at 717-569-9211. The office staff will love to hear from you.



### **Financial Report**

#### October 2016 Financial Information

	Month	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$ 85,414	\$ 754,785	\$ 718,024
General Fund Expenses	\$ 77,902	\$ 786,263	\$ 718,024
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 7,512	\$ (31,478)	\$ -
Debt Reduction Receipts	\$ 14,878	\$ 126,840	\$ 112,004
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$ 12,379	\$ 122,601	\$ 112,004
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2,498	\$ 4,239	\$ -
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 10,010	\$ (27,239)	



### **Disaster Relief Trip to West Virginia**



Plans are being made for the 15th Lutheran Disaster Response trip from our area which will take place April 30-May 6, 2017. We will be going to wild and wonderful West Virginia! They had a devastating flood on June 23rd which left thousands of homes destroyed and killed 23 people. There are five counties still under a state of emergency declaration. Twelve (of the 55) counties across the south central portion of the state were hit particularly hard. Their volunteer response capacity is still gearing up and there are not a great number of details to share with you at this point. They will be ready for us in the spring and we will have a great opportunity to learn, to grow and to share the love of Christ with our neighbors to the south. A trip information sharing meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres. Join us for information about the trip and the opportunities it will present for all of us and hopefully be able to answer any questions you may have! For more information contact the Rev. Glenn Beard at [GBeard@luthercare.org](mailto:GBeard@luthercare.org) or the Rev. Jeff Pretz at [jefpretz@ptd.net](mailto:jefpretz@ptd.net).



## Fellowship



### **Congregational Christmas Dinner Theater**

Sunday, December 11th

5:30 p.m., Family Life Center

This year's original production is called "*Jesus ruins everything!*" Tickets will be available beginning Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be sold by donations this year! There will be no tickets sold at the door, so get yours by Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Angel Choir Participants Needed!**

Children needed for our "Angel Choir" for the Dinner Theater on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Grades K-4 are welcome to be part of this group. We will have practice on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

### **Tote Bags for Power Packs!**

It would be very helpful for the children who are participating in the Power Pack Program to be able to carry their weekend food allotment home in a tote bag rather than the plastic grocery store bags that they are given. If you have extra tote bags (approx. the size of grocery store bags that are given out at trade shows, grocery stores, etc.) that need a good home, please place them in the cardboard WELCA box that is in the Narthex under the church office window. This will be an on-going project throughout the year. Thanks for helping!



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

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Camp Kirchenwald

Cost: \$80.00

We will be discussing the book, *The Lutheran Ladies' Circle: Plucking One String* by Kris Knorr. You can purchase it on Amazon for \$9.00 or it is also on Kindle. (You can still join in the discussion if you don't read it – but it is a very entertaining book about women in the church!) Look for a Sign up genius to donate food for the retreat.



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

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

11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Help needed! Please contact Peter Murdock at [pburdock@yahoo.com](mailto:pburdock@yahoo.com) or look for a signup sheet on the fellowship board.

## Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will next be offered on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at both the 10:45 a.m. Traditional service and at the 10:45 a.m. New Day service. Candidates are still being received for this offering of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call one of the pastors at 569-9211 if you are interested in participating.





## Spiritual Gifts

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

The gift for this month is **WISDOM**

*Wisdom is the gift that allows the believer to sort through opinions, facts, and thoughts in order to determine what solution would be best for the individual believer or the community of believers.*

### **Scripture References (NRSV):**

**1 Kings 3:8-9:**– “And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this your great people?”

**1 Corinthians 12:7-8**– “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit.”

**Luke 21:14-15** - “So make up your minds not to prepare for your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to understand or contradict.”

**James 3:13** – “Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.”

### **If you have this gift,**

You are able to anticipate the consequences of certain decisions much better than are others.

You are able to see beyond words and ideas.

You are able to see beyond the façade that is often put in place and to sort out all the facts, so that in the long run truth prevails.

### **Connections to Ministry:**

Conflict resolution, Prayer Chain, Training courses, Long Range Planning, Special Projects, Church Council

**If you have the spiritual gift of *Wisdom*, please consider serving in any one or more of the ministries listed above. Please contact me at [mafrontz@verizon.net](mailto:mafrontz@verizon.net) or (717) 581-5397 and I will direct you to the person who can help get you started!**

*If you have not taken the assessment, please go to St. Peter’s website at [www.stpeterslutheran.org](http://www.stpeterslutheran.org). Scroll down the Home page and click on Serving in the middle of the first paragraph. Scroll down the Service page and click on Take the Survey. Or, contact me and I will email you a copy. Assessments are also available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.*

*Mary Ann Frontz,  
Spiritual Gifts Coordinator*



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LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

## Groups and Events

**50 Plus** - Reminder to those who signed up! Upcoming program for December is the Christmas Luncheon at the Eden on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:45 a.m.



**Christmas Potluck**

**Just for Fun Christmas Potluck Dinner** - Saturday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Glen Hauck, 630 Willow Green, Lititz. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please note whether you are bringing a side, salad, appetizer or dessert.

**WELCA** will meet on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Room 124. A light breakfast will be served. Those attending the meeting are invited to bring their **nativity scenes**. The nativities will be displayed for all to enjoy. We will also play the **Left-Right Christmas Game**. Please bring an old or new wrapped Christmas tree ornament to be used as a gift in the game. All women are welcome. The December Personal Care Kit item is bath-size bars of soap in original wrapping. We are in need of soap so if possible please bring more than one bar. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 569-9959.



**ST. PETER'S BOOK CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the Cry Room. Please watch the bulletin and Herald for details. Everyone is welcome to attend!



### St. Peter's Library

Please Help to Take Care of Our Library

I usually go to St. Peter's Library on Monday mornings to see if any books have been returned so that I can put them back on the shelves. I have been finding that over the weekend the library has been used because there are crumbs on the chairs and/or on the floor, the furniture has not been put back where it belongs, and recently the royal blue chair has been damaged.

We certainly are glad people are using our library! We want everyone to feel free to use it. Much of the furniture in the library has been donated by members of the congregation and we respectfully ask that you use it with care. Please do not take food or drink into the library and please put the furniture back where it belongs when you leave so that this beautiful room is always clean and welcoming for those who use it after you.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this effort.

*Mary Ann Frontz*

#### New Books

Thanks to donors Marianne Beasley, Ed & Joan Martin, and Sharon Fickes, the following books have been placed on the library shelves:

Better Homes and Gardens New Dieter's Cookbook

Promises by Belva Plain

Hearts on Fire by Jill W. Iscol with Peter W. Cookson, Jr.

Reboot! What to Do When Your Career is Over But Your Life Isn't by Phil Burgess

No Greater Love by Mother Teresa

Draw the Circle, The 40 Day Prayer Challenge by Mark Batterson

Healing Conversations by Ann Fitzgerald (Ann was the speaker at the November 10 WELCA meeting at St. Peter's.)



## **Pastor's Letter**

*Who, then, are those to whom this joyful news is to be proclaimed? Those who are faint-hearted and feel the burden of their sins, like the shepherds, to whom the angels proclaim the message, letting the great lords in Jerusalem, who do not accept it, go on sleeping.*

*~ from Luther's Christmas Day Sermon, 1530*

The month before us can be one of the most frenetic of the whole year. All the usual trappings of the coming Christmas season – presents, decoration, parties, food, travel – wail with their siren song of the “perfect Christmas.” Nothing bad about any of them. But they lay claim to us and especially to our time in ways that can feel invasive and domineering. Without care and focused attention to your activities, you can easily become a captive to the Happy-Happy-Joy-Joy expectation of the month of December.

And so, we tell ourselves that we will slow down this year ... we will buy fewer presents ... send a few less cards to people we never hear back from ... eat fewer cookies and drink less egg nog ... and spend more time with our family at home, in quiet enjoyment of the gift of family. Yes, we will do all of this as soon as December 25<sup>th</sup> has passed and our lives slow down enough to allow it. We allow ourselves to be taken captive by the illusion that we can create a perfect experience in this crafted season that has been revving up its engines since before Halloween.

Do you want a real break from it? Then ask yourself whether you are the person to whom Brother Martin speaks in this short section from his 1530 Christmas sermon. Ask yourself whether you are one of “*those who are faint-hearted and feel the burden of their sins, like the shepherds.*” When we crawl out from under the smothering delusion that we are ever able to create a perfect anything in the world, we can allow ourselves to acknowledge the faintness of our hearts some days, and the burden of our sins most days. We can honestly stare down the emptiness of the world and the brokenness of our lives, and invest our lives in the one who doesn't shy away from the reality we face, but instead embraces it, so as to defeat it.

It is the baby we await throughout our advent season, and the Risen Christ we look for at the end of all times. It is the manger's feedbox from which the first herald cry is voiced, and the temple in the Holy City from which we hear the final call of “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” It is the message that keeps us awake at night with its utter joy and mystery, and the message through which the great lords of our day sleep away the night.

I invite you to come, whether you are faint of heart or poor in spirit or burdened by your sin or weak in your flesh. Come to the One who knows exactly what answer you need to hear and what assurance will bring you hope. Come to meet the “coming one” who comes into your soul with the redemption you crave. And when you arrive, proclaim the expectant word of the Advent season, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

See you in church,

Pastor Ross

[craig@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:craig@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)



## **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<sup>th</sup>. We will formally install our 2017 Congregation Council along with our Congregational Officers. Additionally, we will recognize and commission our committee chairs and committee members who are present. Lastly, we will offer thanks to our outgoing Council members/officers who finish their terms at the end of the 2016 year: Jenny Sassaman and Glen Hauck.



## Pastor Sarah's Message

Greetings friends,

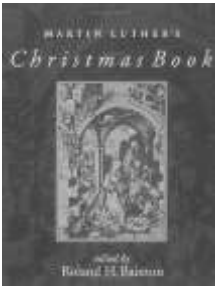
We begin the Advent season. This is a season of expectation for God's presence in our world--now and in the future. We pray "stir up your power and come into our lives." We spend this season counting down to the celebration of our Savior's birth, and at the same time ask for the fulfillment of Christ's promises and the fullness of God's kingdom to be realized. This is a season of anticipation, so how will you be part of the journey?

The following are some of the many ways to engage in the season at St. Peter's.

### **Sunday and Midweek Advent Services**

One of the ways that we mark our Advent season is through worship.

In both our traditional and New Day praise settings we mark each week with the lighting of the Advent candles and prayers. In both locations we will be hearing stories of prophesy, hope in the midst of fear, and great joy.



This Advent season join us for our Wednesday Advent services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. To help celebrate the 500 years of Reformation, our midweek Advent service will include quotes and thoughts from Martin Luther on the Christmas story.

Join the rostered leaders (and Martin Luther) as we hear the story of the angel's visit to Mary, what it must have been like at the Nativity, the shepherd's journey and Herod's response.

Whether we see you on a Sunday morning or during the midweek, may we all worship the newborn king!

### **Pocket Church Season 2 Begins This Advent!**

Pocket Church Season 2 is a series of short videos featuring events, preparations and emotions that we experience during the Advent and Christmas season and how we experience God in our midst...or as we hear this Advent season "Immanuel, God with us." We know that this time of year is a time to grow our faith, but where do we see God in hanging Christmas lights, buying on amazon.com or getting stuck in holiday traffic? Check out Pocket Church Season 2 and let's journey together with Immanuel, God with us.



Find it on our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster>) and YouTube channel [stpeterslutheran.org/pocket-church](http://stpeterslutheran.org/pocket-church). Pocket Church is released every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

### **"A New Old Fashioned Christmas" New Day Christmas Eve Service**



Christmas Eve at St. Peter's is an amazing time and place. Among the many worship services offered will be the New Day Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The theme for the worship is a "New Old Fashioned Christmas." Come to give praise to the king of kings. Come to hear the old message of Jesus' birth. Come to sing traditional Christmas carols sung in a contemporary way. Come for an intimate worship to give thanks and contemplate the Lord's presence in your heart and life this Christmas.

We pray that this Advent season is one filled with awe and anticipation, hope and fulfillment, excitement and joy.

In the light of the stable,

**Pastor Sarah**

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## Letter From the Vicar



Greetings to all my brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

December is upon us and along with it the craziness of the holiday season. For many, this is a time of family gatherings and parties with friends. It can feel like there is so much to do that it would be impossible to ever feel alone. However, for others, the holiday season can be the most lonely and depressing time of the year; especially if the season highlights the loss of a loved one. For years, my large family which had always gathered on Christmas Eve was splintered and a dark cloud hung over the holidays after my cousin was killed on Christmas Eve in a car wreck. That long standing tradition basically stopped that night and was never really recovered. Instead of coming together and bonding, members of the family went into isolation and separated themselves. It was an easy and almost instinctual thing to do but was certainly not the best thing to do. In our times of grief, we need friends and family even more. We need common experiences and common stories to share and reminisce about.

Such is the case in all aspects of our lives, especially with our Christian family. We need the presence of our Christian brothers and sisters in order to fully live out our lives as the body of Christ. In 1 Corinthians 12 it says, "Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many... If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ... The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet... On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable." Our senses are connected with all of these parts of the body: sight, hearing, touch, etc. and these are the ways in which we interact with this amazing creation of God's in which we get to live. We need each other's presence and senses to enhance our own interaction with God and magnify our experience of God in the world around us.

This is one of the reasons that small groups are such an important part of living our lives as a Christian. I would encourage everyone, if they have not already done so, to find some small group in which to engage and live alongside as members of the Body. New groups form all the time. If you do not see a group that seems to fit a particular need you have, chances are there are others who share that same need. Perhaps, this is an amazing opportunity that is available in the creation of such a new group. Regardless of the success of the group, the journey will have become a shared experience and a shared story for those who took that step. That bond of shared experience was really the point all along and if you feel closer to God and to those around you then it was a huge success.

Speaking of new groups, there is a new group forming right now — a new business-persons breakfast group beginning in January. This group, will be looking at topics directly relating to living out one's faith as a person in the business world and the unique challenges that can be faced by those in business related careers. Anyone is welcome, but the topics will be directly related to business. If you are interested or have any questions, contact either Ken Shirk or myself at 569-9211. There will also be flyers up on the board for those who are interested as well.

The grace and peace of God and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,

*Vicar Avery*

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## From the Director of Music

### O Antiphons

The hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is based on a [series of Antiphons](#) (a short sentence sung or recited before or after a psalm or canticle) that were appointed for the last days of Advent. Each of these “O Antiphons” describes the coming Savior using imagery from the Old Testament prophecies which foretold of Jesus’ coming. Here they are in order:

December 17: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

December 18: O Adonai (O Lord)

O Lord, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

December 19: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer: Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

December 20: O Clavis David (O Key of David)

O Key of David and scepter of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open: Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 21: O Oriens (O Morning Star)

O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of the nations)

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

December 23: O Emmanuel (O Emmanuel)

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Savior: come and save us, O Lord our God.

These are powerful words for a powerful time of year. Notice how December 21<sup>st</sup>, often the darkest day of the year, is when we pray for the morning star to come and enlighten us. Additionally, the first letters of the titles (**S.A.R.C.O.R.E.**) taken backwards form the Latin phrase *ero cras*, tomorrow I will come.

Perhaps this Advent season, praying these powerful words leading up to Christmas will spur us to action rooted in the wonder and awe of the Christ Child. Such prayer, combined with accompanying actions, would be a radical statement of hope and peace in a world of seeming darkness. Will you pray these together with me this December?

**Adam Lefever Hughes**

**Director of Music**

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## Worship and Music at St. Peter's

### Worship Leadership

December 4	8:00	Canticle Choir
	10:45	Herald Choir
December 11	8:00	Exsultate Ringers
	10:45	Herald Choir, Sunday School Children
December 18	8:00	<i>No Ensembles</i>
	10:45	St. Peter's Ringers, Herald Choir
December 24	3:00	<i>No Ensembles</i>
	5:00	Jubilate Choir, Exsultate Ringers
	7:30	Herald Choir, St. Peter's Ringers
	10:00	<i>No Ensembles</i>
December 25	9:45	<i>No Ensembles</i>

### Musical Arts – A Brandywine Harp Christmas

The Brandywine Harp Orchestra will present their Christmas program as part of the Musical Arts series at St. Peter's on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The concert will feature Christmas music played by an orchestra of harps. Bring your whole family to this event to get in the holiday spirit.



*Sages Christmas  
Service  
Rehearsal*

### Sages Christmas Service – December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m.

We will again have a gathering of singers to help lead and provide extra service music for the Sages Christmas Service. Rehearsals are as follows:

Thursday, December 15, 11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We will also gather at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> to warmup and sing through our songs before the service. All are welcome to join! Please contact the Director of Music ([ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)) if you'd like the music ahead of time. Thank you!

### Resurrection Choir

We are developing a Resurrection Choir whose primary goal is to provide strong vocal leadership at funerals and memorial services. We will rehearse three to four times per year. Attendance at all rehearsals is not required to serve as a member of this group. Please contact the Director of Music ([ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)) if you would like more information.

**Adam Lefever Hughes, Director of Music**

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### Christmas Eve Children's Sermon

Pastor Ross is looking for young people, teens, and parents to help with the annual Christmas Eve Children's sermon at the two Family Services. If you want to participate, please fill out the form below and return it to Pastor Ross. Teens (7<sup>th</sup> Grade and older) serve as group leaders for the younger children. Parents help with some organization of the kids. The two rehearsals will be on **Thursday, December 15 at 7:15 p.m. and Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Child / Teen

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

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

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

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



# ST. PETER'S KIDS!



November 27 – **The Wisemen Session** began for the Rotation Sunday School classes. This session features cooking, art, movie and games stations examining the journey of the Wisemen and their impact on the Christmas story.

December 2 – **Santa's Workshop.** Need a night out without the kids? Bring your children ages 4 (by December 2<sup>nd</sup>) through 6th grade to our Santa's Workshop. A registration form is available on the Children's Ministries' board located outside of the church office or you can register online at <https://stpeterslutheran.org/santa-workshop>. The evening will be from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dinner will be served in the café followed by many fun activities, including the children "shopping" for small gifts for their family (ages 2 through 4th grade only). The 5th and 6th graders will have their own seasonal activities (no "shopping" for this age). The suggested donation for this fun event is \$5 per child or \$10 per family (whichever is cheapest!) Please note: This event is open to church members and prospective church members only. See Miss Samantha with any questions.



December 10 – **Breakfast with Santa-** Mark your calendars for this fun community event which will take place beginning at 9am in the Family Life Center. The morning will feature a light breakfast (donuts and fruit), photos and meet and greet with Santa, and a puppet show. No pre-registration is required, however, if you pre-register at <https://stpeterslutheran.org/santa-breakfast> by December 7<sup>th</sup> you will receive a "fast-pass" to Santa and will be able to meet with Santa between 8:30 and 9 am. A free will offering will be collected.

December 11 – **Sunday School Children Singing** – Miss Jill Pretz will lead the Sunday School children age 2 through Kindergarten as they make a joyful noise at the 10:45 traditional service during the Children's Sermon time.



**Parents...mark your calendars so your children don't miss out!**

December 25 and January 1 – **No Sunday School** – Due to the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day holiday, there will be no Sunday School on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday school will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>.



January 8<sup>th</sup> – **Parent Breakfast** – Miss Samantha will host a Parent Breakfast on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> in the Café during the Sunday School hour (beginning at 9:15). If you are a parent of a young child, please consider joining us to learn more about Children's Ministries at St. Peter's and get to know other parents of young children and Miss Samantha!



**Volunteers needed for upcoming events!** We are in need of volunteers to help with the Santa Workshop on December 2 and Santa Breakfast on December 10. We're also in need of members for the Children's Ministries Committee. Please contact Samantha Cuascut at [scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.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**

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

**Bible Explorers** (Rotation Sunday school) is for children in grades 1 through grade 4. All Bible Explorers meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:15a.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 **Samantha Cuascut, Director of Children's Ministries** at [scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org) or 717-586-0330.





## Youth & Family Ministry News...

### Calendar

Friday December 2 -

***Santa's Workshop Youth Helpers Needed!***

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Contact Samantha Cuascut if you can help.



Sunday December 4-

***6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Youth Group – Dinner followed by Christmas Dinner Theater practice or a Holiday Movie.***

Watch for dinner sign up email from Sister Dottie .

Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>-

***Youth Christmas Caroling at Dickey's BBQ*** restaurant, Lincoln Highway East from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Free dinner for the youth!



Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>-

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

Youth Servers needed. Please wear a white shirt and dark bottoms

***Youth Sunday School will be off Sundays, December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> . We will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>***



### **2017 Youth Winter Retreat Dates:**

February 3-5- Grades 9-12 at Camp Nawakwa

February 17-19 – Grades 5-8 at Camp Kirchenwald

***Watch for registration information in January***

***Sister Dottie Almone, Parish Deaconess***

[dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)



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## **St. Peter's Preschool**

There is no better place to celebrate the birthday of Jesus than with our sweet little preschoolers. There is so much joy in our classrooms and quite a bit of excitement too. Kudos to our teaching staff for all they do to keep children calm and engaged during this time and for emphasizing the true reason for the season!

We are looking forward to Pastor Ross and his Christmas puppets and we are already practicing for our Christmas concert in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we ring in the season. It is a beautiful and simple celebration that will surely make you smile.

If we are all very good little boys and girls, we may be visited by Santa and his Elf! Listen for the sounds of sleigh bells in our hallways and enjoy your own season of Joy! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our St. Peter's family and friends!

**Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director**

[lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)





## Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for December

	<b>ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>BREAD &amp; WINE PRESENTERS</b>
<b>December 4 8:00 am</b>	Mitchell Burkholder	Mark Burkholder	Diane Gegg Bill Kopetz	Tom & Jean Haus Bret & Pam Hoffmaster, Mark & Angela Moshos	Mark & Melanie Burkholder
<b>10:45 am</b>	David Wolf	Greg Strausser		Ivan & Helen Gerhart, Scott Glassford, Rich & Peggy-Jean Vivola Russ Vollmer	
<b>December 11 8:00 am</b>	Ethan Groff	Susan Ketchum		Mark Brandenburger, Tom Kenyon, Tom Rothfus John Kerchner, Greg & Sherry Moul,	
<b>10:45 am</b>	Jack Trayer	Barbara Tolbert	Paul Berkebile Shirley Gerner	Brad & Karen Ayars, Dan Beck, Jerry Beyer, Don & Kyle Templeton	Geoff & Kathy Groff
<b>December 18 8:00 am</b>	Julia Leisure	Bill Kopetz	Bob Courtois James Lehman	Ken & Kitty Robinson, Steve & Diane Gegg, Terry & Marianne Beasley	Bill & Mary Ellen Kopetz
<b>10:45 am</b>	Caroline Ford	Paul Berkebile		Thom, Betsy, Jensen, Rory & Niamh McConnell, Paul Servansky	
<b>December 24 3:00 p.m.</b>	Ling Ling Courtois	Leigh Trayer	Cindy Stauffer Margaret Strausser	Bob, Christine, Braden & Kyra Rishell	Patti & Maurielle Courtois
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Morgan Stuhltrager	Nancy Beauregard	Thompson McConnell, Jeffrey Pretz	Dave, Lis, David & Jessica Wolf Liz, Sean & Iain O'Brien	Jenn & Sara Lehman
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Connor Strine	Russell Vollmer	Karen Peiffer Randy Shue	Glen Hauck, Julie Tritch, Greg & Sylvia Lashley	TBD
<b>10:00 p.m.</b>	Rory McConnell	Thompson McConnell	Brett Hoffmaster Rick Groff	TBA	TBD
<b>December 25 9:45 a.m. (Combined with New Day)</b>	Emily Beauregard	Angela Moshos		Larry Wilcox, Andy Hirko, Bill & Linda Montgomery, Sam Beauregard, Dan Johnson	

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

December 4: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

December 11: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

December 18: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

## Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for December (continued)

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>WELCOME CENTER</u>	<u>AV/ LIGHTING</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD COORD.</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<b>December 4 8:00 am</b>	Tom & Pat Badorf	Ron & Joan Beck	Tom Chever	Carolyn Ruch Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Mark, Melanie & Mitchell Burkholder
<b>10:45 am</b>	Scott & Sharon Breeden	Dave & Lis Wolf	Bill Schlener	Lyle & Joy Hosler Alyssa Kerper		
<b>December 11 8:00 a.m.</b>	Mark & Jan Gilliford	Christine Ponti Janis Sharkey	Paul Berkebile	Mary Ann Oberholtzer Alyssa Kerper		
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Richard & Loretta Chubb	Mark & Darla Cardin	Rick Groff	Karen Schreiner Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Sharon Breeden Pam Preston
<b>December 18 8:00 am</b>	John & Jill Kerchner	Randy Ketchum Susie Roderick	Terry McGuigan	Erich & Allison Deutsch Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Christine Ponti Sue Skala
<b>10:45 am</b>	James & Martha Fulmer	Richard & Loretta Chubb	Dave Tilley	Chloe Otto Alyssa Kerper		
<b>December 24 3:00 p.m.</b>	Dan & Karen Beck	Dee Vulgaris	Bill Schlener	N/A	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Bigler Family
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Jack & June Hemsteger	Larry & Sylvia Miller	David Wolf	N/A	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Wolf Family
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Dan & Carol Johnson	Larry & Sylvia Miller	Bob Preston	TBD	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Kathy Groff, Pam Preston, Debbie Shue
<b>10:00 p.m.</b>	Ernest & Ruth Sullenberger	Rich & Ann Larrick	Randy Ketchum	N/A	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Anna Mae Kenyon
<b>December 25 9:45 a.m. (Combined with New Day)</b>	Bob & Edee Bedford	Fred & Mary Husson	Joe Almone	Alyssa Kerper		

### Worship Leader Coordinators

**Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer:** Sylvia Lashley 872-4309

**Altar Guild:** Linda Siems 569-8499

**AV Room:** Paul Berkebile 569-7209

**Bread & Wine Presenter:** Jennifer Lehman 519-8851

**CD & Flower Delivery:** Christine Smith 299-0949

**Communion Assistants:** Karen Peiffer 569-3643

**Greeters:** Leigh Trayer 271-9268

**Lectors:** Thom McConnell 581-0068

**Nursery:** Patti Courtois 898-1898

**Ushers:** Nancy Beauregard 295-9814

**Welcome Center:** Mary Ann Oberholtzer 898-7823

**NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — DECEMBER 2016**

	<b>December 4</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>December 24 Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>December 25 (Combined with Traditional)</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Preston	Brendan Armitage	Sarah Bromirski	Ben Armitage	N/A
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Molly Olmsted	N/A	Jennifer Sassaman	Bill Sassaman	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed & Emily Martin	Mark & Sharon Schaefer	Scott & Amanda Sprague	Dave Tilley Peter Murdock	N/A
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Morgan Stuhltrager	Robin Schmincke	Emily Bromirski	TBA	N/A
<b>A/V Sound</b>	Dave May	Scott Fyfe	Bob Preston	Scott Fyfe	N/A



**December Flower Delivery Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deliverer</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
12/04	Michelle Wertz	Marguerite Paul
	Laretta Stutzman	Anna Wetzler
12/11	John & Kathy Burke	Bob & Janet Kemp
	Lois Benton	Millie Uhler
12/18	Margy Stigelman	Mary Kammerer
	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Velma Newcomer
12/25	CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DELIVERY	All receive (reminder not needed)

**December CD Delivery Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deliverer</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
12/04	Mike Wildasin	Nancy Varnes
12/11	Carol Bedford	Marguerite Paul
12/18	XXX	XXX
12/25	XXX	XXX



**NARTHEX COFFEE BAR**

**December 04** - Helper & Baker—TBD  
**December 11** - Helper & Baker—TBD  
**December 18** - Helper & Baker—Anne & Lis Wolf  
**December 25** - No Coffee Bar—Merry Christmas



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



## LOOKING AHEAD

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

### Thursday, December 1

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Eden Resort)  
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)  
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, December 2

5:00 p.m. - Santa Workshop (Children's Ministry Wing)

### Saturday, December 3

7:00 a.m. - Poinsettia Delivery (Café)  
10:00 a.m. - Clothing Bank (Youth Lounge)

### Sunday, December 4

Name Tag Sunday  
8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion/Baptism (FLC)  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Baptism (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)  
12:00 p.m. - Decorate Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. - Musical Arts Concert (Sanctuary)  
6:00 p.m. - Youth Group (FLC)

### Monday, December 5

9:00 a.m. - Fitness Class (Augsburg Alley)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)  
2:30 p.m. - Rostered Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

### Tuesday, December 6

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
1:30 p.m. - Rostered Text Study (Conference Room)  
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Conference Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Youth Christmas Caroling (Dickies BBQ)

### Wednesday, December 7

7:00 a.m. - Midweek Advent Service (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)  
2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)  
7:00 p.m. - Midweek Advent Service (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)  
8:00 p.m. - Our World, God's Eyes (Youth Lounge)

### Thursday, December 8

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Room 123)  
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)  
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)  
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, December 9

HERALD ARTICLES DUE  
10:00 a.m. - Santa Breakfast preparation (Kitchen/FLC)  
12:00 p.m. - Cookie Walk Set Up - Narthex

### Saturday, December 10

9:00 a.m. - Cookie Walk (Narthex)  
9:00 a.m. - Santa Breakfast (Kitchen/FLC)  
6:00 p.m. - Just for Fun Christmas Party (Home of Glen Hauck)

### Sunday, December 11

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

### Monday, December 12

9:00 a.m. - Fitness Class (Augsburg Alley)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)  
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Church Council (Off-Site)  
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

### Tuesday, December 13

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

### Wednesday, December 14

7:00 a.m. - Midweek Advent Service (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. - Midweek Advent Service (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)  
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)  
8:00 p.m. - Our World, God's Eyes (Youth Lounge)

### Thursday, December 15

11:00 a.m. - Sages Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)  
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### Sunday, December 18

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)  
3:00 p.m. - Latvian Lutheran Church (Chapel)



## LOOKING AHEAD

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

### Monday, December 19

9:00 a.m. - Fitness Class (Augsburg Alley)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)  
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Human Resources (Conference Room)  
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

### Tuesday, December 20

11:00 a.m. - Sages Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction  
6:30 p.m. - Intern Committee (Cry Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)

### Wednesday, December 21

7:00 a.m. - Midweek Advent Service (Chapel)  
10:00 a.m. - Sages Luncheon Setup (FLC & Kitchen)  
7:00 p.m. - Midweek Advent Service (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)  
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)  
8:00 p.m. - Our World, God's Eyes (Youth Lounge)

### Thursday, December 22

8:00 a.m. - Sages Set up (Kitchen & FLC)  
11:00 a.m. - Sages Communion Service (Sanctuary)  
12:00 p.m. - Sages Luncheon (Café)  
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)  
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, Saturday, December 23

Church Office Closes at Noon

### Saturday, December 24

3:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Family Service (Sanctuary)  
5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Family Service (Sanctuary)  
5:30 p.m. - Word of Life Christmas Eve Service (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. - New Day Christmas Eve Service (FLC)  
7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Traditional Service (Sanctuary)  
10:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, December 25

9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
9:45 a.m. - Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

### Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 27

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 28

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)  
8:00 p.m. - Our World, God's Eyes (Youth Lounge)

### Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)  
5:30 p.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church New Year's Eve Worship (Chapel)



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### JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE DECEMBER 9TH

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

Articles for the January 2017 "Herald" are due in the church office no later than **December 9th**.

Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email to [sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).

Thank you for your cooperation.



**If you have any questions,  
please contact me at  
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Thank you!**

***Sandy Shattuck,  
Editor & Parish Secretary***