



From the Pastor:

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.”

Colossians 3:14-15

Lily is about to turn twelve, which is hard to believe. When you read this, she may have already turned twelve or maybe twenty. Who knows?

Anyhow, it was a couple of days into December of 2012 that I carried little baby Lily into her room for the first time and laid her in her crib, which had only been assembled days before then. I wanted to play music for her, so I went to Best Buy and purchased the only compact radio and CD player that they had left. The sales associate actually told me there weren't any left, but when I pointed out the demo model on the shelf, he agreed to sell that to me. Excited and armed with the last radio in the world, I tried to find songs suitable to play for a baby. It proved to be a challenge.

Country, Pop, and Classic Rock all proved to be songs that I didn't want my sweet little Lily to hear, and I certainly didn't want to sing about drinking and revenge to her. I couldn't locate the Christian station either. Then I hit upon a station that was playing music I could sing and feel good about this new life and part of my heart hearing, with almost no problematic songs, except for Wham!, which is just bad not inappropriate. It was a station playing non-stop Christmas music. Normally, I wouldn't tune into exclusive Christmas music until days before it actually is Christmas, but that year, for that special new wonderful time, I made an exception. Christmas music played in Lily's room almost constantly during awake time for the first few weeks of Lily's life.

Besides that year, I take Advent pretty seriously. I value the emphasis on waiting and watching, the learning to anticipate and prepare. Advent is the season of our Christian lives, because we live waiting and preparing for Christ to come again. For as much as I love Christmas, and I do as much as anyone, Advent is sacred to me.

However, this year as we conclude our yearlong theme of peace, it's fair to recognize that Advent is not a season of peace by itself. It prophesizes peace. It prepares for Jesus' reign of peace. Yet without the fulfillment of God's promised Savior revealed to the world and made known to us in the birth of the babe of Bethlehem then manifested on the cross and empty tomb, peace would remain as some distant future promise.

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Christmas is the true season of peace, which we can see from our Scripture readings in the Advent and Christmas seasons. It's not until the last Sunday of Advent that we finally get a mention of peace. There we get a reading from Micah chapter 5, which we see as a messianic prophecy, declaring this coming ruler from Bethlehem will be great but also "the one of peace." On Christmas Eve, we get Isaiah's famous list of titles for the coming anointed one of God, including "Prince of Peace" and that because of him "there shall be endless peace." When Luke tells us the beloved story of the nativity of our Lord, he reports the heavenly hosts declaring, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" The Word is made flesh and the era of peace for God's people begins with a baby laid in a manger.

As you know after eleven of these articles, God's peace isn't the same as the world's idea of peace, which is how we can declare that we live in the reign of God's peace while wars rage in the world. God Incarnate, the Savior Jesus' entrance into time and space celebrated at Christmas, makes peace with us through loving grace. God forgives us, which is the ultimate act of peacemaking. Forgiven by God, the peace our souls receive from that blessed assurance can extend to forgiveness to each other and ourselves. We manage this reign of peace in our lives and in the world best precisely at the time when the angels declared it to be true. At Christmas, nearly the whole world finds ways to be more loving, more hospitable, and more forgiving – in other words, more peaceful in the Way God intended.

Obviously, we want the whole world to know the peace of Christmas all year long. We yearn for the days when the reign of God's peace means eternal salvation but also wars and separations to cease in this world, too. If we long for peace like this, God's will to be done on earth as in heaven, then we know that God desires it too, because Jesus encouraged us to pray for it. When Christ comes again, we believe it will be so. As we look forward to that time, which actually ends time as we know it, we find ourselves back in Advent.

The season of Advent directs us to look back to the days when God fulfilled long-awaited promises of a coming Messiah. Our hearts swell at God's entrance into the messiness of humanity, having learned through carols and candles that this time is special. Heartened by hope, Advent also turns our attention to the future as we await Jesus' second coming. In the peace granted to us at the Incarnation and Resurrection, in this peace we pray to the Lord and trust in goodness of each day and the goodness that awaits us in the end of days. Advent and Christmas are their own sacred seasons, and yet, it's clear they walk hand-in-hand, intricately, inseparably woven together.

I'm still not advocating non-stop Christmas music stations starting in November. Advent doesn't even start until December this year. However, it was the melody of Christmas that lent its peace to the first weeks of Lily's Advent life, and so it is for all of our lives. Throughout our Christian journey, we actively prepare for Christ to come again with loving, humble service, which is why I say discipleship is living Advent all year long. In the meantime, the waiting time, we are sustained by the peace of the Savior who has been born unto us, the peace of Christmas. It turns out it takes both together, to live meaningful, peaceful Christian lives.



Worship

All Saints SUNDAY



On November 3rd, All Saints Sunday, we remembered all of those who have entered the Church Triumphant including these brothers and sisters of St. Peter's:

Mary Belle McMillan, Karen Marburger, Ruth Rasp, Kimberly Morris, Arthur Zattiero, Ruth Mullenax, Carol Green and Helen Barto.

Also, we recognized our recently baptized, **Matthew Green** and **Hudson Kenney**, for it is in our baptism that we receive the promise of adoption as God's children and while the sin of our old self continues to cling to us in this life, the adoption that God conveys to us through the water and Word justifies us, establishing us already among the saints in light.



Thankoffering, like Thanksgiving, is a time for gratitude.

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA supports many ministries of WELCA with their group's service projects and offerings collected at their meetings, and also through donations from Thankoffering.

WELCA programs range from advocacy and education to discipleship and outreach including endeavors of the ELCA such as Global Mission, World Hunger, and Disaster Response. WELCA continues to develop ministries in response to the needs of women and the church as a whole.

Thank you for your continued support!



We offer two candlelight communion services here at St. Peter's on Christmas Eve. One will be held at 7 pm, which we call our family service because it has our Christmas Eve Children's Message and is slightly briefer for younger attention spans. At 10 pm is our traditional, full liturgy Christmas Eve Service. Make plans to join us as we celebrate the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Manna Kids Honor Veterans



Manna Night kids and volunteers honored Veterans for a special dinner on Wednesday, November 13th. A special thank you to Rick Reifenstein and Ron Blinn for attending as special guests. Many thanks to Patti Flach the team of volunteers who serve those in our community.



One nation
UNDER GOD

Annual Turkey Dinner

Wow! What a wonderful turnout for our annual turkey dinner! A portion of the proceeds from this dinner benefited the Evans City Library. Thank you to everyone who donated food items, came to volunteer, and to those who gave generously to support the fundraiser benefit dinner. As you can see from all of these pictures, there was great fellowship and a great time for community and church family to come together for an evening of fellowship and time to gobble up great food!



Grateful
to
God

Annual Turkey Dinner



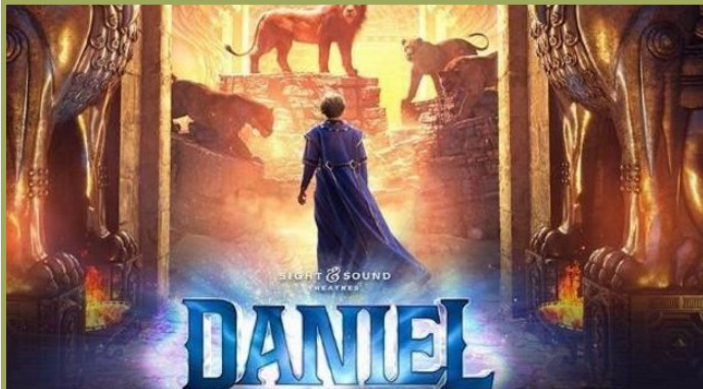
Thanks
BE to
GOD!



SPY, Serving Others, and Daniel Outing





St. Peter's Youth helped with the monthly food cupboard pack up. Many adults and youth stayed after worship for a combined effort of packing many bags for those in need in our community. SPY stayed to share a pizza lunch and play games as well. Thanks to Pastor Johns for leading the youth and instilling the importance of serving others.




Many friends and family of St. Peter's headed to Lancaster, PA for an outing to Sight and Sound Theater to see *Daniel*. The play was exceptional as the audience got to see live animals and the journey that Daniel took from being exiled from his home and taken to Babylon. Daniel's journey as a faithful servant is inspiring.



Announcements



Fri. Dec. 6 Evans City

Christmas Trivia Night

Bring the Holiday Spirit and enjoy the fun. All proceeds benefit the library.

Trivia Begins

6:30

Thank you St. Peter's for your monetary donation to our fund drive.

We could not offer our services without your continued support!



Thank you again for helping us onsite Monday, October 28, 2024 for the blood drive. Here are the results from this lifesaving event: there were 33 donors, giving 23 units of blood, bringing us close to our blood drive goal of 38 units. Please accept my thanks on behalf of the patients that you and your St. Peter's Lutheran Church donors will impact. I'm sure you know that every unit of blood is a precious gift to a patient in need, and it is received with much joy and gratitude.



We are the family of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit and love of God revealed to us most clearly by Jesus. Our joys and sorrows, trials and triumphs belong to us shared together. In each other, we find hands to hold and shoulders to cry on.

With this in mind, our Christmas Cantata will not be happening this year, because of health matters. Although we will miss the joy of this ministry, our celebration of Advent and Christmas will be no less sacred and special, because God's gift of Jesus and one another will continue to be real and most important to us. Also, Senior Choir, Sunday School Choir, and Bell Choir music and the Greening will continue to enliven our services. We pray for the well-being of all and the return of the cantata, perhaps as soon as Easter, and the many joys that will represent by the grace of God.



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HUNTERS SHARING THE HARVEST

Hunters Sharing the Harvest donated 28,375# (113,500 servings) of venison to Butler County food providers. Your harvest or a monetary donation to help with processing fees would be very welcome.

Food Providers accepting venison

- Katie's Kitchen - Butler
- Luther's Table - Butler
- Feed My Sheep - Slippery Rock
- Food Fellowship for People - Portersville & Prospect
- The Lighthouse Foundation - Bakerstown
- Evans City Community Food Cupboard
- Mt. Chestnut Presbyterian Church Food Cupboard
- Moniteau Food Pantry - West Sunbury
- Petroleum Valley Food Cupboard
- St. Andrew's Community Dinners - Butler
- St. Vincent DePaul - Butler
- Family Life Ministries - Butler
- First Methodist - Butler
- Cabot United Methodist Food Bank
- Senior Adult Ministry - Saxonburg
- Summit Presbyterian Church Food Bank - Loaves & Fishes
- Feed My Sheep - Zelienople
- St. Joseph RC Community Meal - Cabot
- St. Paul RC Community Meal - Butler
- Southwest Butler County Food Cupboard - Harmony
- Salvation Army - Butler
- Saxonburg Presby. Helping Hands
- Cabot Full Gospel Fellowship
- St. Christopher RC Church - Prospect
- Gleaners Food Cupboard - St. Ferdinand's - Cranberry Twp.
- St. Peter's Anglican - Butler
- Grapevine Center - Butler
- Plus 1 Ministries - Butler
- Covenant Food Cupboard - Butler
- Pioneer Pantry BC3 - Butler

Meat Processors preparing the venison for these groups

- Shuler's Butcher Shop - Herman - 724-321-1769
- Bim's Boloney - N. Washington/Petrolia - 724-894-2569
- McKruit's Meat Packing - Cabot - 724-352-2988
- T.A. Giger Deer Processing - Valencia - 724-898-2244
- Bob's Deer Processing - Prospect - 724-865-2484
- Welter's Meat Shop - Chicora - 724-282-7071
- Clafre's Deer Processing - Valencia - 724-848-2745
- Huff's Custom Meats - Prospect - 724-996-1029

***Donations can be sent to Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH)**

sharedeer.org 218 Vernon Road, Greenville, PA 16125

Butler Co. Coordinators: Tom Rossman - 724-283-0449

Randy Pilarcik - 724-991-9267

Rev 10/24

Advent Lunch - Our SPY will be hosting a lunch after worship on 12/1. Please stay to help the youth learn hospitality. Any funds donated for the lunch will support next summer's youth mission trip.

Christmas Cookie Sale

Sun., Dec. 15th following our worship service, Christmas tins with Christmas cookies made by our camper families will be available for purchase. All proceeds from the cookie sale help to defray their costs for attending Lutherlyn next summer. Thank you for your ongoing strong support for our youth!



Sunday School

Christmas Program

Please save the Date: 12/22, 6:30pm to join in the fun and fellowship of our annual Christmas Program! Plan to stay after to enjoy refreshments with the Sunday School Teachers, Cast, and Crew in celebration of all that Advent offers for each of us in anticipation for the birth of Christ on Christmas day!



WELCA Quarterly General

Meeting

Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm. We will have a Tureen Dinner followed by time for devotion, reports, planning for future events and fellowship. All are welcome!

St. Peter's Upcoming Events



Join your church family and friends for the monthly Lutheran lunch outing **Wednesday, December 18 at 12 pm**. This month's restaurant is the **Springfield Grille** of Mars. Anyone is welcome to attend, please let Pastor Johns know how many will be joining from your party so he can pass the information along to RSVP for the growing group! Stay tuned each month for the lunch date so you don't miss out on an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Epiphany Luncheon

Our annual Advent Friend reveal will take place on Sunday, January 5th with a pot luck luncheon immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to attend and listen to the stories of those who participated in Advent Friends 2024.



500 Card Club – will meet this month on **Friday, December 6th at noon**. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend - no experience needed! If you would like to learn to play you are welcome to join in the fun. It's a pot luck event so bring whatever you would like to share.



St. Peter's Youth invite you join them for Christmas Dinner & Caroling on Friday, December 20th, 5 pm for dinner or 6 pm for caroling.



**Meet in Luther Hall to kick off the night!*

Bible Study – We gather on Thursday nights at 7pm via Zoom. We dig into the upcoming Sunday's lessons with humor and levity and no question is never too silly or too serious. Hope you'll join in!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88634175171?pwd=Q0xmanZSOXNwdFBQZ3J1SDhwSVk0UT09>

Our anniversary committee has worked hard to offer this beautiful Wendell August Forge, St. Peter's Christmas Ornament!

They are now available for you to purchase at the cost of \$20 in celebration of the 175th Anniversary of St. Peter's. Each ornament has a 3.5" diameter and comes with a red ribbon for displaying it and a color picture of our Shepherd window.

Please talk to Marsha Reedy to place your order.



Easy Ways to Donate Christmas Angel Program



Each year, Glade Run Lutheran Services provides life-changing services to over 6,000 individuals throughout Western PA.

This holiday season, your gift will support the children and families we serve who would otherwise do without. More than just a present under the tree, donated items received through our annual drive provide joy, relief and comfort all throughout the year.

How to Participate:

Request an Angel Tag

Receive a tag with wished for items that will benefit a child or family served by Glade Run. Purchase the item(s) and return your unwrapped donation with the tag attached to Glade Run (Chapel) by December 17.

- Receive your tag(s) by contacting **Cheryl Martin** at **724-452-4453, ext. 1277** or via email at **cmartin@gladerun.org**.
- Many congregations and businesses support our Christmas Angel Program and may have already received a supply of tags to share. Reach out to your church or work place to inquire if they participate and receive our tags from them.

Online Wish Lists

An online wish list has been created with **Walmart** and **Target**. Follow the instructions below to shop on these sites and have your gift delivered directly to us.

Gifts Cards and Monetary Donations

A gift card or monetary donation can provide specific items that are out of the reach of our clients, like specific books on loss, food and gas, clothing and undergarments or towels and toiletries. **Suggested stores include:** Walmart, Target, Giant Eagle, Aldi, Amazon, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Home Depot, Lowes, Sheetz, Bi-Lo, Walgreens, Homegoods, Marshalls, Dick's Sporting Goods, Visa, Michaels, Subway and McDonald's.

How to Donate:

1.

Drop Off

For those with angel tags — Purchase items. Drop them off at Glade Run (Chapel). Glade Run staff will help unload your car. (Enter campus off Rt. 68 across from St. Gregory's church. Take first left into Parking Lot A. Look for Chapel sign on your right.)
Date and Times: Dec. 10-13, Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 4:30pm and Dec. 14, Saturday, 9 - 11am

2.

Shop our Wish List on Walmart or Target & Ship Directly to Us

Walmart — Visit <https://www.walmart.com/registry/ER/4d25ed8d-43c2-444a-bac7-97593833f493>
Sign into your account and shop.

Target — Visit <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/gladerunholidaydrive> Sign into your account and shop.

3.

Send a Gift Card or Monetary Donation

Mail a gift card or check to: Glade Run Foundation, Attn: Christmas, 30 Glade Run Drive, Zelienople, PA 16063. Remember to include a note with your contact information so we may thank you. **Checks** should be made payable to Glade Run Foundation.

Make a secure **online donation** at www.gladerun.org using the "Donate Now" button at the top of the page. Remember to type "Christmas" in the Notes.

For more information, contact Cheryl Martin, Glade Run Foundation, at 724-452-4453 x1277 or by email at cmartin@gladerun.org.

The official registration and financial information of Glade Run Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



St. Peter's family and friends are invited to participate in the annual Christmas Angel program. Tags were up on our Glade Run angel tree on 11/24, and after the service, we only had 3 left. Grab one before they're gone! Please bring all gifts back to St. Peter's by December 8th and leave them unwrapped. If you're not able to get a tag, you can donate other ways, like with the links above. Thank you for your generosity!

Financial Facts

October 2024 Contributions:

| Fund Description | Amount |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 212 Food Cupboard | 426.89 |
| 213 Synod Benevolence | 1,213.50 |
| 216 ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief | 20.00 |
| 217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect | 5.00 |
| 218 Lutheran Service Society | 38.00 |
| 223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response | 1,050.00 |
| 242 EDCO Park | 10.00 |
| 296 Fundraiser for Comm Cause | 1,335.00 |
| 400 Current Fund Income | 12,338.35 |
| 401 Music Fund Income | 25.00 |
| 402 Memorial Fund Income | 100.00 |
| 405 Flower Income | 445.00 |
| 407 Priority Project Income | 4,220.00 |
| 408 After School Program Income | 2,696.00 |
| 410 Campership Income | 41.00 |
| 412 Manna Night | 31.00 |
| 413 Applefest | 369.00 |
| 440 Softball Team Income | 25.00 |
| Grand Total | 24,388.74 |



Our Monthly Benevolent Cause will support Bethesda Lutheran Services. If you would like to support this cause, please mark the Other line on your contribution envelope.

2024 Contributions to Date

| Fund Description | Amount |
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| 202 American Cancer Society | 12.00 |
| 204 W.E.L.C.A. | 350.00 |
| 206 Madagascar | 1,240.87 |
| 208 Lutheran Campus Ministries | 20.00 |
| 211 Meals on Wheels | 110.00 |
| 212 Food Cupboard | 3,466.20 |
| 213 Synod Benevolence | 11,674.45 |
| 215 ELCA Lutheran World Relief | 25.00 |
| 216 ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief | 20.00 |
| 217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect | 2,399.00 |
| 218 Lutheran Service Society | 38.00 |
| 222 Passavant Retire, Zelig | 43.00 |
| 223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response | 1,050.00 |
| 228 Seminary | 56.00 |
| 234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary | 180.00 |
| 240 Evans City Library | 88.00 |
| 241 Evans City Fire Department | 136.00 |
| 242 EDCO Park | 430.50 |
| 244 ALS of Western PA | 2,074.69 |
| 280 Window Coverings | 7,276.00 |
| 296 Fundraiser for Comm Cause | 1,365.00 |
| 297 Cub Scout Pack 399 | 1,185.11 |
| 299 Pastor's Disc. Fund | 20.00 |
| 400 Current Fund Income | 130,334.61 |
| 401 Music Fund Income | 924.00 |
| 402 Memorial Fund Income | 4,955.00 |
| 405 Flower Income | 2,979.00 |
| 406 Youth Fund Income | 588.80 |
| 407 Priority Project Income | 23,310.60 |
| 408 After School Program Income | 15,815.00 |
| 410 Campership Income | 5,208.05 |
| 412 Manna Night | 1,278.55 |
| 413 Applefest | 7,693.00 |
| 440 Softball Team Income | 1,285.00 |
| Grand Total | 227,631.43 |

A Financial Update – To keep everyone informed about our current financial situation, the reconciled treasurers report of our current fund **as of the end of October 2024** is as follows:

Current Fund \$2,606.31

Memorial Fund 9,119.74

Youth Fund \$9,758.97

Manna Fund \$5,227.54

Priority Project Fund \$1,453.83

After School Program \$9,090.69

Many thanks to those who continue to give to these funds which give us the ability to serve Christ and others.



Thoughts & Prayers

Vickie Baker
Cole Barkley
Troy Barkley
John, Summer, Timothy Barron & Family
Ricky Benson
Dave Brockhoff
(open heart surgery – Robin VanDyke)

Tom Broeren
Jane Brown
Kay Burr
Lisa Burr
Reid Caldwell (ALS)
Jane Carruth (Colon Cancer - B.Barkley)
Luke Clawson
Michael Clawson
Roberta Domhoff
David English (Lung Cancer)
Diane Fair
Mary, Glenn, and David Fulghum
Lori Goodwin
Joan Gump
Patty Grubbs
Bill Head
Annastyn Hogan
Stephanie Hogan
Ella Jason
Greg John
Carol Kerr
Val Kurth (Breast Cancer)



Todd Manuel (*blood cancer*)
Diane Marburger
Joe Marburger
Joseph Marburger
Rick Marburger
Jane Mashuda
Diamond McCracken

Matt Morris
Mark Phillips
Erin Price

Bill Puryear (*cancer*)
Barb Rader
Lori Rasp
Dylan Rast

Rick Reifenstein
Audrey Smith
Judy Smith

(breathing issues – from: Teresa O'Malley)

Carrie Sphar (*cancer – from: Cheryl Thomas*)

Jane Taylor

Cathy VanDyke

(Robin Van Dyke's Sister-In-Law)

Liam Wahl (*infant in need of heart transplant*)

Glen Walker

Mary Watson

Bob Wearing

Garrie Wearing

John & Kay Yuengert (*submitted by K. Ferrari*)



PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

*Please contact the church office as soon as possible
to request additions or changes.*

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Norma Iman Lucille Wingard

INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

*Members and friends who have entered the
Church Triumphant in the previous 3 months:*

The families of:

Kim Morris, Butch Zattiero, Ruth Mullenax,
Brian Kenney, Carol Green, Helen Barto,
Blaine Miller, Patricia Van Dyke

pray

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting November 10, 2024

Council President, Adam Price, called the meeting to order following the Sunday Service at 12:10 P.M. to address the budget, as well as to vote on new Council representatives, Mission Endowment committee members, and attendees at the Synod Conference.

After distribution and review of the suggested budget, a discussion and question and answer period occurred. Based on Synod guidelines, Pastor's salary for 2025 showed a 3% increase with an additional change addressing years of service. It was noted that the amount for utilities was less in the new budget. When this was questioned, the response indicated it was because of the decrease in natural gas prices. Also explained was the reduced budget for the After School Program that reflected the loss of one staff member due to the decrease in enrollment.

LouAnn Brosius expressed that the increase in Pastor's salary was not sufficient. When it was questioned and noted that all expenses had been met for the previous year, Heidi Beahm explained that our congregation was caring and generous and continued to address and meet our financial needs. A motion was made by Robin VanDyke and then revised to suggest a salary increase to \$55,000. This was seconded by Teresa O'Malley. Further questions were asked regarding how this might impact PORTICO (pension, health, dental and social security). Realizing that this would also then change, Robin amended her motion to increase the salary to \$55,000 and coordinate this with the new changes to the budgeted amount in this area. Motion carried.

Teresa O'Malley motioned to accept the 2025 budget with these changes.
Jim Merrison seconded this. The motion carried.

Ballots for Council, Mission Endowment, and Synod Assembly representation were distributed. Pastor shared that the 3-year terms of Rob Burr, Ted Lindgren III, Marlene Domhoff and Casey Guerriero were expiring. Six names were suggested for the next term. There were no nominations from the floor, nor were there any for the additional areas requiring representation.

After voting in each area, the votes were counted by Beverly Critchlow and Robin VanDyke. While the counting was occurring, Pastor thanked all of those willing to step into all leadership roles. He also discussed the process of electing a new Bishop, as this will be of importance for the Synod Assembly this year. Pastor led us in prayers before sharing the results of voting. These were as follows:

Cindy Ayres, Casey Guerriero, Jan Hogan and Robin Plank will be the new Council members.

Charlie Flach and Heinie Raupp were elected to the Mission Endowment Fund committee.

Adam and Erin Price were chosen to attend the Synod Assembly.

A motion to adjourn was made by Teresa O'Malley and seconded by Beverly Critchlow. The motion carried. The meeting ended at 12:48 P.M. with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Sincerely,
Patti Flach

St Peter's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

November 12, 2024

Present: Staci Bettecourt, Marlene Domhoff, Dan Erin (Zoom), Patti Flach, Pastor Johns, Adam Price, Rita Reifenstein, Linda Schmidt, Corey Walker

Absent: Rob Burr, Casey Guerriero, Ted Lindgren III, Jane Taylor

Reception of Visitors: None

President Adam Price called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M. Prior to this, Pastor shared a devotion from *Something to Believe In* about the early church's understanding of Hell. He led us in a discussion followed by prayers.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 15th meeting were read and approved. Corey motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Rita. Motion carried,

Pastor's Report: A detailed, written report was submitted and discussion followed. Again, it was a busy month including a funeral, Malagasy guests and travel, E.C, Ministerium meetings, and Anniversary celebrations in addition to the usual activities.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary's Reports: Written reports were submitted for October. Each was reviewed prior to discussion. Staci motioned to accept, and it was seconded by Linda. Motion approved.

Financial: No written report was submitted.

Fellowship: A written report was submitted. \$7,693.00 was raised by the Applefest. Plans for the November 16th turkey dinner were finalized.

Learning Ministry/Youth: No written report was provided. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th. The tentative date for the Christmas program is December 22nd.

Memorial: No written report was provided. As approved previously, approximately \$2000 has been transferred to the Priority Project fund.

Mutual Ministry: No written report was provided.

Property: No written report was submitted, but a meeting was held. We are still awaiting additional information regarding the roof on the parsonage as well as the roof on the front porch for an additional \$500. The lights in the quilting room need to be repaired.

Worship and Music: No written report was submitted. They will be meeting next week. All Saints Sunday and the Healing Service were held on November 3rd. Consideration for scheduling the Congregational Meeting on the same date as the Healing Service may be discussed in the future. Christ the King service will be on November 24th. The First Sunday of Advent will occur on December 1st.

Anniversary: Memorabilia and information collected for the celebration are available for pick-up or storage.

Unfinished Business:

Church Constitution: No report

Directory: The proof has arrived and it is being examined for any suggested changes.

New Business/Miscellaneous:

Clothing Cupboard: A discussion needs to occur with whether this should be maintained and operated differently or closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. It will be held at the parsonage and all new Council members and family are invited to this gathering.

Adjournment and Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM. Corey moved to adjourn and Staci seconded it. Motion carried. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Flach, Council Secretary



Worship News and Volunteers

DECEMBER

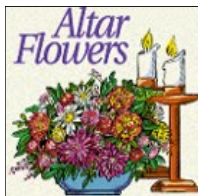
| Dates | 12/01/2023 | 12/8/2023 | 12/15/2023 | 12/22/2023 | 12/29/2024 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Acolytes | Myka Plank | Gianna Bonicky | Ethan Johns | Penelope Erin | Logan Thomas |
| Altar Flowers (\$40) | Eilene Budisky | The Guerrieros | Karen Ferrari | The Critchlows | Talea Merrison |
| Altar Guild | Becky Rengers | Becky Rengers | Becky Rengers | Becky Rengers | Becky Rengers |
| Asst. Minister | Robin Van Dyke | Glenn Fulghum | Ted Lindgren | Anna Plank | Teresa O'Malley |
| Bell Ringer | Wes Schmidt | Corey Walker | Jason Plank | Davin Beahm | Joe Ludwik |
| Communion | Teresa O'Malley | Ted Lindgren II | Debbie Merrison | Ted Lindgren III | Robin Van Dyke |
| Eternal Candle | Barb Graham | Barb Graham | Barb Graham | Barb Graham | Barb Graham |
| Greeters | Becky Rengers & Jan Hogan | Ted & Marge Lindgren | Rob & Lisa Burr | Vic & Brenda Peffer | Wes & Linda Schmidt |
| Lector | Tom Ayers | Robin Plank | Marsha Reedy | Becky Rengers | Jane Taylor |
| Nursery | Melissa Bonicky | Emily Taylor | Beverly Barkley | Marge Lindgren | Pat Capella |
| Offering Counters | Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers | Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers | Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers | Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers | Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers |
| Tech Support | Adam Price | Heidi Beahm | Adam Price | Heidi Beahm | Adam Price |
| Ushers | Dan & Casey Guerriero | Dean Zinkhann & Joe Ludwik | Heidi Beahm & Brian Johns | Dan Erin & Rob Burr | Cindy & Tom Ayers |

Ways you can SERVE

Anyone, third grade and older interested in learning how to acolyte or teens and adults interested in becoming lectors, assisting ministers, ushers, or bell ringers, please see Pastor and we'll schedule a training when it works for those interested.



2025 Sign-ups for sponsoring the altar flowers, \$20 per vase, eternal candle, \$15, and the monthly newsletter, \$30, can be found at the table outside of the nave or by calling or emailing the church office.



* CHRISTMAS EVE VOLUNTEERS*

| Time | 7:00 PM | 10:00 PM |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Acolyte | Leah Plank | Lily Johns |
| Altar Guild | Becky Rengers | Becky Rengers |
| Asst. Minister | Glenn Fulghum | Karen Ferrari |
| Bell Ringer | Davin Beahm | Volunteer |
| Eternal Candle (\$15) | Barb Graham | Barb Graham |
| Greeters | Jason & Robin Plank | Adam Price |
| Lector | Robin Van Dyke | Ted Lindgren II |
| Nursery | N/A | N/A |
| Offering Counters | Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers | Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers |
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| Ushers | Brian Johns & Dean Zinkhann | Volunteer |

Advent Devotionals - are available for all ages on the table outside the nave.



Season of Light

Christmas Luminaries at St. Peter's - Once again St. Peter's will light your way on Christmas Eve with our annual luminaries. If you would like to sponsor a luminary please fill out a sponsor form, or you can email or call the church with your request. Donations of \$5 will be accepted and proceeds will go toward research to combat Batten Disease and support of families affected by it in honor and support of Ella and the whole Jason family.

Christmas Luminary Order Form

Your Name: _____

(as you would like it to appear in the bulletin)

If you wish to place a Christmas Eve luminary either *In Memory of*, *In Honor of*, or *To the Glory of God*, the cost is \$5.00.
Orders must be made on or before Sunday, December 15th

I wish to give *In Memory of the following* :

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

I wish to give *In Honor of the following* :

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

I wish to give *To The Glory of God* :

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Total # Luminaries Sponsored = _____ (\$5.00 each)

Make check payable to St. Peter's Lutheran church and mark the other line on your donation envelope.







Poinsettia order forms are available in the bulletin and also can be ordered by calling the church office. Please place your orders by **Dec.15th**.

Varieties available are red, white, and pink.

Poinsettias are \$9 each. Thank you for helping to make the worship space even more beautiful as we celebrate the inter-section of heaven and earth at Jesus' birth. Proceeds will support ministry in Madagascar.

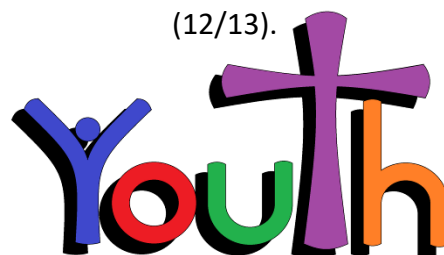


December Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|------------------------|
| 1 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Advent 12pm - Bell Choir | 2 4pm - After School 6:30pm - Fellowship 7pm - Boy Scouts | 3 9am - Pr. Cluster -Zelie. 4pm - After School 6:30pm - WELCA General 7pm - Property Mtg. | 4 9am - E.C. Ministerium 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice | 5 10am - Quilters Group 1pm - Mary Circle 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study | 6 12pm - 500 Club & Lunch 4pm - After School | 7 |
| 8 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 11:45am - Pack Up Food 12pm - Bell Choir | 9 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy Scouts | 10 4pm - After School 7pm - Council Meeting | 11 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice | 12 10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study | 13 4pm - After School 6pm - SPY Christmas  | 14 10am - Christmas |
| 15 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Camper 12pm - Bell Choir  | 16 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy Scouts | 17 4pm - After School | 18 12pm - Lunch Bunch 4pm - After School 7pm - Choir Practice | 19 10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study | 20 4pm - After School 5pm - Christmas Dinner 6pm - Christmas Caroling | 21 10am - Christmas |
| 22 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 12pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Sunday Scho  | 23 7pm - Boy Scouts | 24 7pm - Christmas Eve 10pm - Christmas Eve | 25 Joyous Christmas  | 26 10am - Quilters Group | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10:15am - Lessons and 11:30am - Fellowship | 30 7pm - Boy Scouts | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |



St. Peter's Youth got to spend time together at their annual sleep over event on Friday, November 22nd. They enjoyed many carefully picked snacks (thank you Pr. Johns), games, a devotion and movie time, and a wonderful breakfast in the morning before many sleepily returned home. Up next, Advent Lunch then the Christmas Party (12/13).



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Heidi Beahm,
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Marlene Domhoff,
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Joe Ludwik, Sexton

Kimberly Peaco,
Secretary

The Sunday Bulletin Deadline is
Wednesdays at 10am

Monthly Newsletter Deadline is the
3rd Sunday of each month

Beginning September 10th
Sunday School = 9am

Weekly Worship Service = Sundays at 10:15am
Check Our Weekly Calendar of other events.

Office Hours for Secretary:
Monday thru Friday 9am—noon

*If anyone is interested in sponsoring the altar flowers,
eternal candle or newsletter in 2025, please see the sign up
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