

# St. Peter's Post 12/1/25

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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## From the Pastor:

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*“I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,  
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,  
because of all that the LORD has done for us  
and the great favor to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.” Isaiah 63:7*

I don't know about you, but I have not met all of my New Year's resolutions this year. Do you remember back in January, as I turned 40, I shared in a sermon that I was going to make an effort to improve my physical fitness or at least not let it falter like Jeff the softball umpire warned me it would in my forties? If you don't remember, don't worry. At the most recent Adult Sunday School forum, I learned that people didn't remember what I said in the sermon two weeks beforehand. I had said turning singles into doubles at softball games was part of my identity, so I need to work on it or lose that identity, just like we need to continue to work on our discipleship or risk losing that part of our identity. Unfortunately, that grand plan ended up being hit and miss, with a whole lot more miss than hit.

Fortunately, I was able to stay in good enough playing shape for our softball and volleyball seasons this year. Still, I know that I was more winded on a triple than I would want to be, and my arms still look like they belong to a chicken. Moderate success at holding my own doesn't change the fact that I'll either have to recommit to my goal or let that part of me slowly fade away. I'd only be fooling myself if I thought otherwise.

Actually, I'm pretty good at fooling myself, and maybe we all are at times. Such foolishness can get in the way of the gift of mercy. When we convince ourselves that we're good enough by ourselves, that compared to others our sin isn't so bad, we rob ourselves of knowing the joy of receiving the mercy of God. Another way we block the joy of mercy is by refusing to grant it to ourselves.

My weight bench and treadmill are in the basement. Whenever I go down there, like to grab some of my stored garden harvest, the bench and treadmill call out accusingly to me. They remind me that I haven't used them like I said that I would, like I know that I need to do. The longer the stretches between uses go, the more their reminders of my failures feel like weights even harder to carry than the dumbbells.

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The weights of brokenness, sin, regret, shame, guilt, and failure can cling to us all, like Jacob Marley's chains. They don't have to. Jesus came to set the captive free. By the grace and mercy of God, our Savior breaks the chains that imprison us. Time and time again, time without end, God's mercy comes to us anew with forgiveness that no stain of sin can withstand. If asked, I would confidently testify that the efficacy of God's love, God's grace, God's peace, God's mercy are never in doubt. Yet, this raises a question: Why do I still feel the burden of the weights?

Since Jesus has severed the shackles of sin, how can I still feel their heaviness? It is because I have chosen to pick them up and carry them myself. It is because I have refused to let go of the weights of failure and regret, even as I have let myself down by not picking up the weights in my basement often enough. God has forgiven me, but like a fool, I have failed in faith to let that be the final word. Whether out of a misguided attempt at exercising control or a subconscious disbelief in the grandness of the grace of God, I am carrying those chains because I have not forgiven myself.

As the calendar turns, I will have the opportunity to make resolutions again. In some ways it's like a fresh start. However, I can only meaningfully and earnestly attempt my "keep in shape" plan if I can overcome the doubt and guilt that came from failing to accomplish it this year. I need to extend to myself the same mercy that God readily provides in order to truly start fresh. Daily, God offers us a renewal of our baptismal lives, a fresh start freed from our fetters. Do yourself a favor. Quit clutching your chains and forgive yourself, too. Resolve to share God's mercy with all people, including yourself. In lives renewed by loving mercy, may you walk in the joy, peace, and freedom of God With Us forever.



On November 1, Pastor and his family were on the Gettysburg campus of United Lutheran Seminary for the annual Luther Bowl flag football tournament. That morning, an All Saints Day worship service was held in the Chapel of the Abiding Presence.

Lily, Anna, and Kate were acolytes for the service, which was a wonderful opportunity. Lily and Anna were the torch bearers and Kate was the book bearer in the processions that happened as part of the service.

If you have any pictures that illustrate ways that you are serving God, God's people, and the wider church, please email them to the church office with a caption, so they can be featured in the newsletter. In this way we can uplift and inspire each other in our faith journey and walk of discipleship.

## Worship

# All Saints SUNDAY



On November 2nd, All Saints Sunday, we remembered all of those who have entered the Church Triumphant including these brothers and sisters of St. Peter's:

**Jane Brown, Dave Grubbs, Carol Kerr, Norma Iman, Charleen Lippincott, Virginia Roberts, and Lucille Wingard.**

Also, we recognized our recently baptized, **Elena Barron, Emily Bettencourt, Brittany Green and Benson VanDyke**, 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.



## Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 21st during the worship service, our choir will be presenting our Cantata, *The Best Gift of All*. Please join us as we share the Good News of Emmanuel, God with us, through song.



## Lessons and Carols

When the radio stations have gone back to their normal programming and you are still in need of more timely Christmas music, our Sunday service on December 28th will provide you with a wonderful opportunity to sing Christmas Carols together.



Thank you for taking time to complete the survey from the Worship & Music Committee concerning our Christmas Eve worship service times. The responses clearly favored keeping our early service at 7:00 pm. However, we are still discerning the results for our later service.

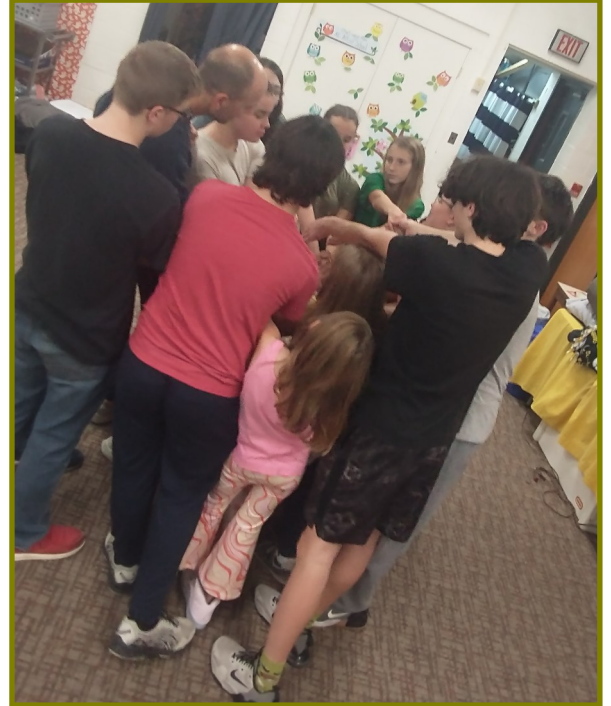
Please look for an announcement soon.

## Annual Turkey Dinner

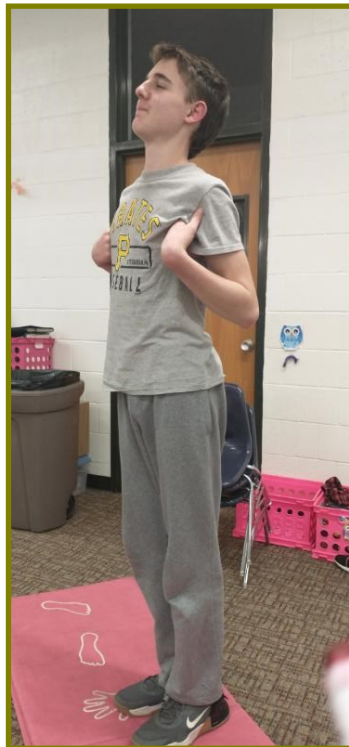
Wow! What a wonderful turnout for our annual turkey dinner! A portion of the proceeds from this dinner benefited the Evans City Library. Thank you to everyone who donated food items, came to volunteer, and to those who gave generously to support the fundraiser benefit dinner. As you can see from all 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!



## SPY Overnight



Sixteen of our youth gathered for an overnight of fun and fellowship in November. During their time together, St. Peter's Youth helped with the clean up left over from our Spooky House at Pumpkinfest. The night went on to include many rounds of games and snacks. In the morning they shared a pancake breakfast prepared by Pastor Johns. We can be thankful for the wonderful group of young people we have here.



## Outreach

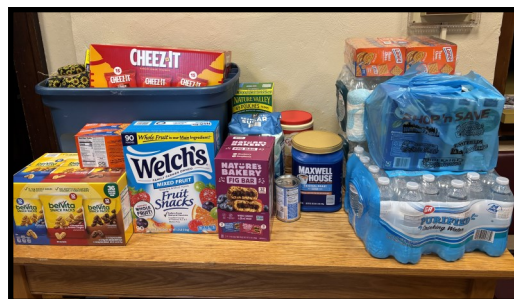
Some of our youth had the opportunity to spend time with others in our community, packing up food at Allison Park Church. Some of the Meals of Hope assembled there will be distributed through our own food cupboard via the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank.

Looking ahead, we will be gathering for several Christmas Program rehearsals, as well as dinner and caroling on 12/19.

SPY and Jr. SPY will return to church after caroling for their Christmas Party.



Thank you for contributing to the WELCA collection for Robin's Home. It is wonderful to be able to deliver your donations and show our care for our neighbors in need. You continue to answer the call.



Glade Run Angel Tree  
In addition to participating through Glade Run's website, we have a few gift tags left at the church for pick up if you prefer to give gifts in that way. Donated items should be unwrapped. Gift cards and items should have the Glade Run tags attached. All donated items will need to be returned to St. Peter's on Sunday, December 7. Thank you!



### 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

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Fri. Dec. 12

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!



# St. Peter's Upcoming Events



Join your church family and friends for the monthly Lutheran lunch outing **Wednesday, December 10 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 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 4th 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 2025.



**500 Card Club** – will meet this month on **Friday, December 5th 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 to join them for Christmas Dinner & Caroling on Friday, December 19th, 5 pm for dinner or 6 pm for caroling.



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

### Christmas Cookie Sale

Sunday, Dec 21st 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: 12/21, 6:00pm to join in the fun and fellowship of our annual Christmas Program! Plan to stay after to enjoy refreshments 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 2nd at 6:30pm. We will have a Tureen Dinner followed by time for devotion, reports, planning for future events and fellowship. All are welcome!



**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?>

## Financial Facts

### October 2025 Contributions:

Fund Description	Amount
212 Food Cupboard	263.00
213 Synod Benevolence	1,233.50
218 Lutheran Service Society	48.50
222 Passavant Retire, Zelie	18.50
242 EDCO Park	20.00
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	1,238.00
400 Current Fund Income	12,377.51
401 Music Fund Income	75.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	100.00
405 Flower Income	192.00
407 Priority Project Income	1,070.00
408 After School Program Income	2,114.33
410 Campership Income	23.34
412 Manna Night	18.33
413 Applefest	347.00
441 Church Outings Income	291.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19,430.01</b>

### 2025 Contributions to Date

Fund Description	Amount
204 W.E.L.C.A.	216.00
206 Madagascar	2,566.00
208 Lutheran Campus Ministries	25.00
211 Meals on Wheels	126.00
212 Food Cupboard	2,091.80
213 Synod Benevolence	14,019.90
214 ELCA World Hunger Appeal	100.00
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	352.00
218 Lutheran Service Society	329.78
222 Passavant Retire, Zelie	82.00
223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response	2,332.00
228 Seminary	57.00
234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary	142.00
240 Evans City Library	88.50
241 Evans City Fire Department	117.00
242 EDCO Park	487.00
244 ALS of Western PA	2,206.00
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	1,538.00
400 Current Fund Income	148,003.40
401 Music Fund Income	667.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	2,930.00
405 Flower Income	2,901.50
406 Youth Fund Income	649.00
407 Priority Project Income	9,976.00
408 After School Program Income	14,918.55
410 Campership Income	4,861.07
412 Manna Night	2,647.05
413 Applefest	7,512.00
440 Softball Team Income	600.00
441 Church Outings Income	2,093.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>224,634.55</b>

### Our Benevolent Cause for December

**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**

**Bethesda.**



**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 2025** is as follows:

**Current Fund: (\$2,317.39)**

Memorial Fund: \$11,081.79

Youth Fund \$8,634.19

Manna Fund \$6,880.92

Priority Project Fund \$4,288.23

After School Program \$7,578.79

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

The 2026 offering envelopes will be available in your church mailbox (Located in Luther Hall) The envelopes are numbered and dated for 2026 so please wait to use them until the new year! Please remember to keep your membership active. A contribution and communion of record in this calendar year or the preceding year is necessary.



**\*Note** - Our Christmas Eve offerings will help to give our church staff year end bonuses for their service to our congregation in 2025. Thank you for your support of all of our ministries and to our staff for their faithful service.

## Thoughts & Prayers

Cole Barkley  
John, Summer, Timothy Barron & Family  
Peter Barry  
Ricky Benson  
Tom Broeren  
Eilene Budisky  
Kay Burr  
Lisa Burr  
Reid Caldwell (*ALS*)  
Jane Carruth (*Colon Cancer - B.Barkley*)  
Luke Clawson  
Michael Clawson  
Penny Dusenberry  
David English (*Lung Cancer*)  
Diane Fair  
Mary, Glenn, and David Fulghum  
Lori Goodwin  
Joan Gump  
Patti Grubbs  
Annastyn Hogan  
Stephanie Hogan  
Ella Jason  
Greg John  
Curt Johns  
Val Kurth (*Breast Cancer*)  
Todd Manuel (*Blood Cancer*)  
Diane Marburger  
Joe Marburger  
Patty Marburger



Jane Mashuda  
Diamond McCracken  
Berty McMillen  
Carmen and Sandra Morra  
Cole Moretti (*Cancer*)  
Matt Morris  
Mark Phillips  
Emma Plank  
Jason Plank  
Robin Plank  
Erin Price  
Bill Puryear (*Cancer*)  
Lori Rasp  
Rick Reifenstein  
Dominick Scarpino  
Pastor Tony Schneck  
Jim Schrader  
Jane Taylor  
Kay Marburger Terry  
Garrie Wearing  
John Wilson



### INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

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

The families of:

Dave Grubbs  
David Wobb  
Troy Barkley

### PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

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

Gini Rinkus  
Nancy Zattiero

pray

## St Peter's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

November 11, 2025

**Present:** Staci Bettencourt, Patti Flach, Casey Guerriero (Zoom), Jan Hogan, Pastor Johns, Robin Plank (Zoom), Adam Price, Rita Reifenstein, Linda Schmidt, Corey Walker (Zoom), Marge Wearing, Dan Erin (Zoom)

**Absent:** Jane Taylor

**Reception of Visitors:** None

President Adam Price called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. Following this, the Pastor shared a reading from the book *Mercy*. This was followed by discussion and prayers.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the October meeting were read and approved as amended (electrical outlets instead of electrical panels). Rita motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** A detailed, written report was submitted that included numerous activities, such as the Theological Convocation, as well as several meetings, a funeral, and the Blessing of the Animals service.

**Treasurer's Report and the Financial Secretary's Report:** The October report was reviewed and discussed. The Current Fund is still negative and thoughts continually are shared on why this might be so. The Annual Budget was approved as amended during the Congregational Meeting. A motion to accept was made by Staci and seconded by Adam. The motion carried.

**Financial:** No written report was submitted.

**Fellowship:** A written report was submitted. November 15th is the turkey dinner with \$200 earmarked for the Evans City Library and the remainder earmarked for Priority Projects. Applefest sales have raised \$7,512.00, and these are still ongoing.

**Learning Ministry/Youth:** A written report was provided based on last night's meeting. A Youth Calendar has been developed. They have begun planning for next summer's service trip, possibly to Ocean City, Maryland. Manna Night will take a break after the second week of December. The After School Program could still use more families. Currently there are only about ten children, but this number could be doubled. Sixteen youth were in attendance at the overnight event. The Advent Luncheon will be held after services on November 30, 2025. The Christmas program planning has begun.

**Memorial:** No written report was provided.

**Mutual Ministry:** No written report was provided.

**Property:** A written report was submitted. Four contractor names have done site visits, and we are awaiting additional bids for the bathroom remodeling jobs. A request for additional electrical outlets on the "garden wall" in Luther Hall is continuing to be explored. Adam seconded the motion from the Property Committee that we complete this electrical work, and use the various contributions that have already been received. This was voted on and approved. The combustion blower to the boiler has been checked and needs to be repaired..

## St Peter's Lutheran Church Council Meeting (continued)

**Worship and Music:** No written report was submitted. A meeting will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Advent and Christmas services will be discussed. On November 9<sup>th</sup> a Healing Service and the Congregational Meeting were held. A Thank Offering will take place on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Unfinished Business:

Church Constitution Update: The changes to the model Constitution have been published; Dan Erin and Michael Bettencourt are continuing to work on ours.

Member Concerns: A second Q & A session focusing on members' questions is scheduled this week during the Adult Sunday School class on November 16<sup>th</sup>. A face-to-face meeting with one family may soon be arranged. Questions may once again be submitted ahead of time regarding the ELCA's positions on a variety of issues and on other topics and concerns..

### New Business/Miscellaneous:

Staffing: Lisa French, our church secretary, resigned on October 31<sup>st</sup> to take a new position. Currently, Christine Johns is filling in on an interim, part-time, temporary basis. Patti motioned to have Christine remain in this position through the busy, holiday season. Linda seconded this. The motion was approved; however, Pastor abstained from the vote. This position discussion will be revisited during the January Council meeting.

New Members: Linda Powlus has expressed an interest in transferring her membership to St. Peter's. Corey motioned and Linda seconded this. Motion carried.

Food Cupboard and Food Insecurity: Marilyn McElhinny will be contacted regarding donating our apple butter to Food Cupboard participants. In addition, Robin's House in Butler will also be asked if it could be shared with them.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Parish House. New council members will be invited to attend this meeting.

**Adjournment and Prayer:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M. Staci moved to adjourn and it was seconded by Dan. Motion carried. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patti Flach, Council Secretary



### Venmo - Alternative Electronic Giving Method

In addition to our regular forms of giving, including our online option through Tithely, we now have the option of receiving monetary gifts and offerings through Venmo. Perhaps you have noticed the QR code to the left at a few of our recent events, like Pumpkin Fest and the Advent Lunch. It can also be used for regular giving. If you choose to use Venmo, please note how you would like the funds to be designated, like for Current Fund or Apple Butter. If not, Venmo funds will be treated like undesignated cash offerings, which means 90% goes to the Current Fund and 10% to Synod Benevolence. We will introduce the Venmo QR code to the Christmas Eve bulletin to try to help everyone, and especially our guests without envelopes, give as they feel moved.

## Worship News and Volunteers

# DECEMBER

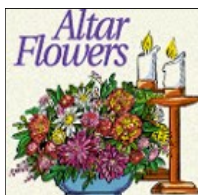
Dates	12/07/25	12/14/25	12/21/25	12/28/25
<b>Acolytes</b>	Luke Zoelle	Meera Lindgren	Rylee Taylor	Gianna Bonicky
<b>Altar Flowers (\$20/vase)</b>	Eilene Budisky	Dan & Casey Guerriero	Karen Ferrari	Marlene Domhoff & Cathie Barto
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Becky Rengers	Becky Rengers	Becky Rengers	Becky Rengers
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Robin VanDyke	Teresa O'Malley	Ted Lindgren II	Robin VanDyke
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Joe Ludwik	Wes Schmidt	Corey Walker	Davin Beahm
<b>Eternal Candle (\$15)</b>	Barb Graham	Barb Graham	Barb Graham	Barb Graham
<b>Greeters</b>	Deb & Larry Mort	Dan & Jenn Erin	Brian & Danielle Johns	Ted & Marge Lindgren
<b>Lector</b>	Ted Lindgren III	Patti Flach	Robin Plank	Becky Rengers
<b>Nursery</b>	Pat Capella	Linda Schmidt	Colleen Prenovitz	Beverly Barkley
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Cindy Ayres & Colleen Prenovitz	Cindy Ayres & Colleen Prenovitz	Cindy Ayres & Colleen Prenovitz	Cindy Ayres & Colleen Prenovitz
<b>Tech Support</b>	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm
<b>Ushers</b>	Dean Zinkhann & Joe Ludwik	Cindy & Tom Ayres	Casey & Dan Guerriero	Dean Zinkhann & Joe Ludwik

## 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.



2026 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\*

	Early Service	Late Service
<b>Acolyte</b>	Penelope Erin & Myka Plank	Anna & Lily Johns
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Becky Rengers	Becky Rengers
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Glenn Fulghum	Karen Ferrari
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Jason Plank	Adam Price
<b>Eternal Candle (\$15)</b>	Barb Graham	Barb Graham
<b>Greeters</b>	Curt & Amanda Johns	Adam Price
<b>Lector</b>	Robin VanDyke	Marsha Reedy
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Cindy Ayres & Colleen Prenovitz	Cindy Ayres & Colleen Prenovitz
<b>Tech Support</b>	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price
<b>Ushers</b>	Heidi Beahm & Dan Erin	Christine & Kate Johns

**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 14th

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. 14<sup>th</sup>**.

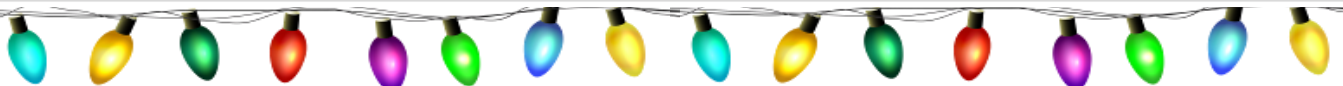
Varieties available are red, white, and pink.

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



# December Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	6:30pm - Fellowship 7pm - Boy Scouts	9am - Pr. Cluster -Zelle. 4pm - After School 6:30pm - WELCA - Geners 7pm - Property Mtg.	9am - E.C. Ministerium 10am - Community 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Cantata Choir 8pm - Choir Practice	10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	9am - Clothing Cupboard 12pm - 500 Club & Lunch 4pm - After School	
7	9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 12pm - Bell Choir Practice	10am - Helen's Helpers 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy Scouts	4pm - After School 7pm - Council Meeting	10am - Community 12pm - Lunch Bunch 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Cantata Choir 8pm - Choir Practice	10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	4pm - After School 10am - Program
14	9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 11:45am - Pack Up Food 12pm - Bell Choir Practice	4pm - After School 7pm - Boy Scouts	4pm - After School	10am - Community 4pm - After School 7pm - Cantata Choir 8pm - Choir Practice	10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	4pm - After School 5pm - Christmas Dinner 6pm - Caroling 8pm - Jr. SPY/SPY
21	9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 12pm - Bell Choir Practice 6pm - Christmas Program	4pm - After School 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Worship Mtg.	4pm - After School	7pm - Christmas Eve 10pm - Christmas Eve	Joyous Christmas 	
28	10:15am - Lessons and 11:30am - Fellowship	7pm - Boy Scouts				



St. Peter's Christmas Ornaments, made by Wendell August Forge, are still available for you to purchase now for only \$10. Any funds raised will go toward Priority Projects.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| <p><b>3 Sarah Merrison McIntyre</b><br/> <b>7 Talea Merrison</b><br/> <b>12 Matt Morris</b><br/> <b>12 Samantha Weber</b><br/> <b>13 Terry Williams</b><br/> <b>14 Colton Wearing</b><br/> <b>16 Robin Green</b><br/> <b>18 Linda Schmidt</b><br/> <b>19 Paige Volz</b><br/> <b>20 Leo Weber</b><br/> <b>21 Beverly Barkley</b></p> | <p><b>23 Curt A. Johns</b><br/> <b>23 Rick Reifenstein</b><br/> <b>24 Shelby Zellhart</b><br/> <b>25 Louie Greenawalt</b><br/> <b>26 Trevor VanDyke</b><br/> <b>27 Nickalas Vicheck</b><br/> <b>27 Daniel Guerriero</b><br/> <b>28 Paul Green</b><br/> <b>28 Karen Ferrari</b><br/> <b>28 Ruth Johns</b><br/> <b>30 Mackenzie Johns</b></p> |
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The Sunday Bulletin Deadline is  
Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Monthly Newsletter Deadline is the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

Sunday School: 9:00 am

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

**Office Hours for Secretary:  
Monday thru Friday 9:00 am—noon**

*If anyone is interested in sponsoring the altar flowers,  
eternal candle or newsletter in 2026, please see the sign up  
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