

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

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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## From the Pastor:

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*“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.” Psalm 19:14*

Driving back from one of the places we had been off to recently, Kate piped up from the back seat of the van with a carefully worded question. She wanted to be clear that she wasn't asking for more presents, since we just had four Christmas celebrations and asking for presents in the Johns household leads to trouble. No, Kate was clear she wasn't expecting more gifts. She just wanted to know if getting a gift on Epiphany had become a tradition or just something that happens occasionally.

The girls have gotten a little gift on Epiphany every year now since 2021, when I nearly made Kate cry (a story for a different time). So I told her through a stifled laugh at her dance around the rules that it might have become a tradition. Whether it is officially a family tradition or not, I do have gifts for them again this year, gifts that some of you even helped me to make (Thank you!).

Something that we have done for the last several years in our faith community is pick a word to serve as our yearly theme. Last year's was "peace," and before that were joy, love, hope, faith, grace, and thanks. I think there was another one in the early years that's slipping my mind, too. Anyhow, maybe that's enough years that having a theme is a tradition. Either way, this year we are focusing on "mercy."

I discovered last month that not everyone realizes that we have been choosing a theme annually and where that shows up in our life together. One place you'll notice it the most is in our newsletter. Each month, my opening article touches on our theme, to try to help us to grown in our understanding of how our theme word impacts our life in Christ. I also center our council devotions around the theme.

In worship, you might notice that our theme shows up more frequently in hymns, the liturgy, and the sermon. Part of this is intentional selection, because each theme has been important to understanding God and how God relates to us. The other reason you'll notice the theme word more is that your awareness of it is heightened. Over the course of this year, you might see and hear mercy in places it was all along, but had stopped noticing.

My hope is that we will all experience mercy this year in new ways and also in ways and places it's been all along but with renewed awareness. However, in order to better experience mercy in our life with God and our relationships with each other, it is important understand what the Bible has to say about mercy. When the Pharisees are blinded to Jesus' mission by self-righteousness, Jesus encourages them do exactly that. He says, "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'" which is a quote from Hosea.

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Jesus' quote of Hosea reminds the Pharisees and us that understanding mercy is very important to understanding who God is. In understanding who God is, then we will better know who God made us to be since we were made in the image and likeness of God. Clearly, mercy is meant to be integral to how we relate to each other. For all they knew about Scripture, the Pharisees were missing that being faithful to God also means being kind and lifting each other up. God is merciful and we were made to be as well.

In the coming months, we will journey together following Jesus' directive to learn about mercy. Over time, we'll find Scripture reveals mercy is an integral part of grace. Digging into the Hebrew and Greek original words will reveal that love and kindness are at the root of mercy. In the life of Jesus, God's Word Incarnate, we'll see self-giving and forgiveness are God's merciful plan for us. In this new year and always, may the Lord, our strength and redeemer, have mercy on us.



On behalf of Christine, Lily, Anna, and Kate, I want to extend our deepest thanks to our church family for the many ways in which you made God's love incarnate for us this Christmas season, as you do throughout the year. We are humbled and overjoyed at your love and care for us, shown in this season through thoughtful gifts, moving cards and messages, and your support for us through serving alongside of us and your prayers. Thank you again for the gift of you and for all the ways you blessed us throughout the year. May God's love incarnate be with you always. +Pastor



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service



January 20, 2025 9:45am-12:30pm

Please come out and support the memory of Dr. King and the work of our local churches by serving together on 1/20.

9:45am – 10:00am Meet at St. John's UCC for a short MLK Day Celebration Devotion

10:00am – Organize for service. Possible Service Places:

The Grove - Lead bingo and possible sing-a-long

St. John's UCC - Make Thank You goodies and cards for staff at The Grove and then deliver them.

Penn Mar Apartments - Lead sing-a-long and Bingo

Prepare lunch and take and serve at Presidents Square.

10:15am-12:30pm – Go out and serve!

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace.

A soul generated by love.

Sponsored by St. John's United Church of Christ, Westminster Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Crestview Presbyterian Church

## St. Peter's Youth



St. Peter's Youth offered a delicious advent luncheon under the direction of Ted Lindgren III and Pr. Johns. The kids worked hard to help meal prep a healthy luncheon and funds raised benefit future youth events.

Many blessings to our youth as they seek a future of serving others beyond our doors.

The After School Program group of Merry Makers delivered cookies to our church neighbors on their last day of school before Christmas break. A special thank you to the students who worked so hard to make and deliver such a special homemade gift to our neighbors. It's a joy to see the excitement in the eyes of those who got to deliver such gifts!

## Manna Night Finale



St. Peter's Manna Night Youth Celebrated their annual talent show featuring many talented young performers on Wednesday, December 11th. Many thanks to everyone who braved it to share their God given talent with others and to the Manna night staff for continuing to host this ministry to so many local youth. Save the date for the return of Manna Night on Wednesday, January 15th! Please see Pastor Johns if you would like to volunteer for an evening or two! (Clearances needed for all who work with our youth) .



## SPY Christmas Party



The 2024 SPY Christmas party was a huge success with many youth participating. Thanks to Anna Plank and Pastor Johns for providing activities with adults chaperoning. Kids got to enjoy an evening together with dinner, snacks, games, and just enjoying each others time together.



Congratulations to the winners of the marshmallow madness 2024 event. The middle team, consisting of mostly the Thomas family were the congregational winners this year. The goal was to build or create the best marshmallow snowmen and one can clearly see that the middle photo is the best right? LOL

## Children's Christmas Program



Many thanks to the children and families who participated in or attended the 2024 Christmas program. Many were in attendance to watch the play and as you can see in the photos above, many children participated this year as well. The play was written by Pastor Johns and the children did a great job of delivering the message of Christ's birth. Pictured to the right are Gus, who played the role of Pastor Johns and Pastor Johns. Great Job Kids! Thank You!

MERRY  
Christmas

## St. Peter's Teamwork

On Christmas Eve a team of volunteers dedicated their time to getting the worship space prepared for the evening services as well as lighting the outdoor space with sponsored luminaries to guide others by the light of Christ as they worshiped at the Christmas Eve service. Thank you to all who helped to make this possible. Proceeds from luminary sponsorships supported Battens Disease Research/Foundation. Thanks to Robin VanDyke who requested funds from Thrivent Financial for this Fundraiser.



Congratulations to St. Peter's (Thrivent—black shirts) for their winter season victory in the co-ed recreational volleyball league that was

started in an effort to think outside the box and offer a sport for members and friends to participate in, in addition to our St. Peter's softball team. We are super proud of you! Pictured Left: DJ & Heidi Beahm, Pastor & Christine Johns, Danielle & Brian Johns, Kurt Wearing & Emily Critchlow.

### Bell Choir



The 2024 St. Peter's bell choir did in an incredible job with Pastor Johns stepping up to lead them even as they (& we) greatly missed director Roberta Domhoff. It is with many prayers that we collectively pray for God's healing hand to bless Roberta at this time. Please continue to pray for her health in 2025!



## Thank You's



Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to attend the annual caroling event at St. Peter's. Many were in attendance as friends, neighbors, and families were greeted with the magical voices of Christmas. We hope all in attendance felt the spirit of Christmas and the gift that their voices offered to others.



A special thank you to everyone who helped to make Christmas Eve a magical moment at St. Peter's. As we lit each other's candles from the Christmas candle we shared more than love, more than peace. We shared in that moment, if not in other moments that evening, a gift from God. The spirit of Christmas, the spirit of Christ's birth, and the promise of hope was with all of us.



**Thank You** - to everyone who helped in any way to provide gifts and gift cards for children and families at Glade Run Lutheran Services this Christmas.



Thank you to everyone who beautified our nave and brightened the days of shut-ins with your poinsettias!

*Dearest Church Family,*

*You have done it again! My heart is filled with everyone's love and generosity. Your gifts are plentiful and overwhelming and full of the TRUE SPIRIT OF GOD!*

*My tears of joy and Love from you all are many! I missed, so much, being away for Christmas Eve church this year! It was the first time in my 60 years of life that I have missed.*

*I felt the love from ALL of you Angels as I watched from home! GOD is GOOD... GOD is LOVE.*

*Thank you again from my loving year to yours.*





**Announcements & Birthdays:**



**Sundays in January**  
 9 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Worship  
 11:30 am Fellowship

**Wednesdays in January**  
 5:30 pm Manna Night  
 7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice

**Thursdays in January**  
 9:00 am Quilting  
 7:00 pm Bible Study

**January 18**  
 6:30 Game Night

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Jenn Erin           | 20 Ruth Roberts         |
| 3 Todd Wearing        | 20 Jane Taylor          |
| 4 Chris Merrison, Sr. | 21 Marge Lindgren       |
| 6 Sean Weber          | 24 Carol Green          |
| 7 Jacob Vicheck       | 24 Kurt Wearing         |
| 7 Austin Schmidt      | 26 Cindy Ayers          |
| 9 Zoey Miller         | 26 Barb Brown           |
| 11 Dean Zinkhann      | 26 Pastor Brandon Johns |
| 13 Chelsea Mars       | 28 William Floyd Wahl   |
| 18 Jack Erin          |                         |



Our annual winter congregational meeting featuring the Bulletin of Reports and lunch will be Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> after worship. Please submit committee and ministry reports by Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. This gathering gives us a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of how God is at work through our church family. Reading and listening to the reports also can strengthen our connection to God because we realize even more how God is alive and at work here and now, and also strengthens our connection to each other as we appreciate the work of God being done by others in our family and discover ways we could get involved.

In the month of January St. Peter’s family and friends will collect peanut butter and jelly for the Evans City Community Food Cupboard. Please leave your donations in Luther Hall. If you would like to volunteer to pack food join us the 2nd Sunday of each month after worship as we collectively pack food for many local families.



Many thanks to those who participated in our fifth season of St. Peter’s Charity Fantasy Football League. Congratulations goes to:  
 Zach Rengers — (winner) selecting a charity to benefit  
 Jacob Vicheck—the 2024 runner up  
 Dan Erin—3rd place over all



## St. Peter's Upcoming Events



Join your church family and friends for the monthly Lutheran lunch outing **Wednesday, January 8 at 12 pm**. **This month's restaurant is Luciano's in 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

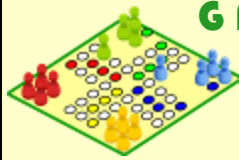
Our annual Advent Friend reveal will take place on Sunday, January 5th with a pot luck luncheon immediately following the worship service. **EVERYONE is invited** to attend and listen to the stories of those who participated in Advent Friends 2024.



**500 Card Club** – will meet this month on **Friday, January 3rd 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.



### GAME NIGHT



**Saturday, January 18th at 6:30**. Bring your favorite game to share with friends and enjoy an evening of good old fashioned board games. 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 ever too silly or too serious. Hope you'll join in!  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88634175171?>



Manna Night will resume on Wednesday, **January 15th**. Please join us as we continue our youth outreach. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. Please talk to Patti Flach or Pastor Johns if you are interested in helping.

### Annual Soup Sale

The Soup Sale isn't just about selling soup. It's also about wonderful fellowship time. Everyone is invited to come out and be a part of the fun by helping to make and jar the soup. We start at 8 am on Saturday, January 18 and generally work until the pick up time. For more info about helping out, please talk to Christine Johns.

## Financial Facts

### November 2024 Contributions:

Fund Description	Amount
203 Advent	25.00
204 W.E.L.C.A.	425.00
213 Synod Benevolence	1,270.50
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	5.00
218 Lutheran Service Society	18.00
219 ELCA Glade Run	81.00
223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response	100.00
240 Evans City Library	200.00
242 EDCO Park	10.00
400 Current Fund Income	11,696.50
405 Flower Income	85.00
407 Priority Project Income	7,636.05
408 After School Program Income	545.00
410 Campership Income	10.00
412 Manna Night	5.00
413 Applefest	325.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>22,437.05</b>

### 2024 Contributions to Date

Fund Description	Amount
202 American Cancer Society	12.00
203 Advent	25.00
204 W.E.L.C.A.	775.00
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	12,944.95
215 ELCA Lutheran World Relief	25.00
216 ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief	20.00
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	2,404.00
218 Lutheran Service Society	56.00
219 ELCA Glade Run	81.00
222 Passavant Retire, Zelig	43.00
223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response	1,150.00
228 Seminary	56.00
234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary	180.00
240 Evans City Library	288.00
241 Evans City Fire Department	136.00
242 EDCO Park	440.50
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	142,031.11
401 Music Fund Income	924.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	4,955.00
405 Flower Income	3,064.00
406 Youth Fund Income	588.80
407 Priority Project Income	30,946.65
408 After School Program Income	16,360.00
410 Campership Income	5,218.05
412 Manna Night	1,283.55
413 Applefest	8,018.00
440 Softball Team Income	1,285.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>250,068.48</b>

### Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for January

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause will support Meals on Wheels. If you would like to support this cause, please mark the Other line on your envelope.



#### **Please Note:**

When you sponsor the newsletter (\$15), eternal candle (\$15), or altar flowers (\$20/vase), you can just add to your weekly offering by the amount and write FLOWERS, etc. on the Other line. You can do so at any time, no need to wait. Thanks!

**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 November 2024 is as follows:

Current Fund \$2,799.91

Memorial Fund \$9,119.33

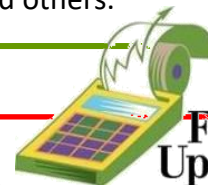
Youth Fund \$9,758.97

Manna Fund \$5,232.54

Priority Project Fund \$8,872.23

After School Program \$8,550.21

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



Finance Update

#### The 2025 offering

envelopes - are available

in your church mailbox, located in Luther Hall. Please remember to keep your membership active a contribution and communion of record in this calendar year or the preceding year is necessary!

## 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 Gumpp  
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

### PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

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

Gini Rinkus

### INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

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

The families of:  
Blaine Miller  
Patricia Van Dyke  
Norma Iman  
Lucille Wingard



## St Peter's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

December 9, 2024

**Present:** Staci Bettencourt, Rob Burr, Casey Guerriero, Patti Flach, Pastor Johns, Ted Lindgren III, Adam Price, Rita Reifenstein, Linda Schmidt

**Absent:** Marlene Domhoff, Dan Erin, Jane Taylor, Corey Walker

**Reception of Visitors:** 2025 New Council Members--Cindy Ayres, Jan Hogan

President Adam Price called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Prior to this, the Pastor shared a devotion relating to Christmas with a focus on peace. He led us in a brief discussion followed by a prayer.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the November 12th meeting were read and approved. Ted motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Staci. Motion carried,

**Pastor's Report:** A detailed, written report was submitted that included Advent planning, illnesses, vacation schedules, and a meeting with the SV school superintendent. Discussion followed.

**Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary's Reports:** Written reports were submitted for November. Each was reviewed prior to discussion. Of interest is why the water bill for both the church and the parsonage both reflect a large usage increase. Ted motioned to accept, and it was seconded by Rita. Motion approved.

**Financial:** No written report was submitted. Luminary funds raised will go toward the Batten's Foundation and the poinsettia funds will be used for Madagascar communications and assistance.

**Fellowship:** A written report was submitted. Numerous events were reported. The November 16th turkey dinner raised approximately \$3,300; more than 300 meals were served. Leadership from Ted Lindgren III and the SPY team for the Advent Luncheon resulted in a well-attended Advent Luncheon. The Lancaster trip for the Sight and Sound Theater was enjoyed by 22 people. Plans are being made to purchase 40 tickets to see *Noah in September of next year*. *Next year's Evans City Community Event will occur on the weekend of September 20th*. *The annual spaghetti dinner will be held on October 11th next year*. *In 2025, the Pumpkin Fest will take place on October 25th*.

**Learning Ministry/Youth:** A written report was provided. The date for the Christmas program is December 22nd. Materials for Sunday School relating to Advent were ordered. Many activities for SPY and SPY Jr. were shared. Manna Night's last 2024 date is December 10th. It will resume mid-January. The ASP enrollment could be higher. An electronic flyer was to be shared with teachers and staff at Seneca Valley. Bible Study is continuing to be held online.

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

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



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

**Property:** A written report was submitted. We are still awaiting additional information regarding the roof on the parsonage. The roofer now intends to come this Friday. Minor repairs and/or adjustments need to be made following repairs to the windows, the roof and the nave's repainting. The lights and outlet outside of the Clothing Cupboard are not working. We are awaiting service from Steve Brock on the right boiler. The nave thermostat has been reprogrammed. The Volunteer Lawn Mower Project was quite successful in 2024. Many thanks to each and every one of these volunteers! Discussion was had regarding the next Priority Project.

**Worship and Music:** A written report was submitted. There will be two Christmas Eve services—one at 7:00 P.M. and another at 10:00 P.M. Caroling is scheduled for December 20th at 6:00 P.M. A change will be made regarding the florist used for our altar flowers. Pepper's Flowers in Butler will charge \$20.00 per vase; however, people may now choose to share the flower sponsorship each Sunday. The Advent Luncheon was held on December 1st following our worship service. Hanging of the Greens will occur on each Sunday in Advent. The Banner Project should provide a place to hang our banners in the library.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Clothing Cupboard: *A WELCA subcommittee has been formed to discuss this.*

Church Constitution: *No report*

Directory: *Mistakes were found in the draft. Changes were submitted, but nothing has been returned as of yet to the church.*

### **New Business/Miscellaneous:**

2025 Theme: *Ideas were mentioned, and Mercy was selected.*

Council Installation Date: *January 5th was chosen.*

Congregational Meeting: *The Bulletin of Reports will be on February 2nd. Candlemas Celebration and a breakfast luncheon will also occur on this date.*

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

**Adjournment and Prayer:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM. Ted moved to adjourn and Rita seconded it. Motion carried. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Patti Flach, Council Secretary**



## Worship News and Volunteers

Date	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	01/19/2024	01/26/2024
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lily Johns	Ethan Johns	Gianna Bonicky	Logan Thomas
<b>Altar Flowers (\$20/per vase)</b>	Dan & Casey Guerriero	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>	Ted Lindgren	Troy & Beverly Barkley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Anna Plank	Karen Ferrari		Glenn Fulghum
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Jason Plank	Joe Ludwik	Davin Beahm	Corey Walker
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Teresa O'Malley	Ted Lindgren II	Ted Lindgren III	Debbie Merrison
<b>Eternal Candle (\$15)</b>	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley
<b>Greeters</b>	Cheryl & James Thomas	Denny & Inez Schmidt	Rick & Rita Reifenstein	Wes & Linda Schmidt
<b>Lector</b>	Cheryl Thomas	Robin Van Dyke	Ted Lindgren II	Ted Lindgren III
<b>Nursery</b>	Linda Schmidt	Cheryl Thomas	Beverly Barkley	Colleen Prenovitz
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Erin Price & Debbie Merrison	Erin Price & Debbie Merrison	Erin Price & Debbie Merrison	Erin Price & Debbie Merrison
<b>Tech Support</b>	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan & Casey Guerriero	Dan Erin & Rob Burr	Dean Zinkhann & Joe Ludwick	Cindy & Tom Ayers

**Sign ups** – The flower chart, eternal candle, and newsletter sponsorship sheet as well as a sign up for After Worship Fellowship are available on the bulletin board in Luther Hall. You can also sign up by calling or emailing the church office. Please consider serving in one or more of these ways. Thank you!

**Nursery** – With the nursery being back to regular use, we could use some older children and teens as assistants. Please let Adam Price or Beverly Barkley know if you're interested.



# January Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 <b>2025</b>	30	31	1 Blessed New Year! 	2 10am - Quilters Group 1pm - Mary Circle 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	3 12pm - 500 Club & Lunch 4pm - After School	4
5 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Epiphany	6 4pm - After School 6:30pm - Fellowship 7pm - Boy Scouts	7 9am - Pr. Cluster - Zelle. 4pm - After School 7pm - Property Mtg.	8 9am - E.C. Ministerium 10am - Community 12pm - Lunch Bunch 4pm - After School 7pm - Choir Practice	9 10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	10 4pm - After School	11
12 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 11:45am - Pack Up Food	13 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy Scouts	14 4pm - After School 7pm - Council Meeting	15 10am - Community 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	16 10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	17	18 8am - Soup Making 2:30pm - Soup Sale 6:30pm - Game Night
19 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship	20 9:30am - Community 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Worship Mtg.	21 4pm - After School 6:30pm - Finance	22 10am - Community 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	23 10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	24 4pm - After School	25
26 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship	27 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy Scouts	28 4pm - After School 7pm - Dorcas Circle	29 10am - Community 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	30 10am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Bible Study	31	1



February 2 is known in our area for being Groundhog Day. However, it's also an ancient Christian Festival, the Presentation of Jesus, because forty days after Jesus was born (celebrated on 12/25), Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated. This festival marks the end of the "Season of Light," Christmas and Epiphany, and so the tradition of bringing candles to bless for the year attached itself to this festival. It became known as the Mass of the Candles, or **Candlemas**. Since it marks the end of the Christmas and Epiphany season, Candlemas is the time to take down nativity scenes and other decorations or they should be left up all year, according to tradition. **Since February 2 falls on a Sunday this year, we will celebrate Candlemas.** You are welcome to bring candles to bless. Also, there is a tradition from France of having crepes on Candlemas, so **we will have a potluck "breakfast for lunch" after worship.** Everyone is invited to share their favorite breakfast casserole or other dish, and that will be the meal for our annual congregational meeting.





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God's Son



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Our Staff:

Pastor Brandon Johns  
Heidi Beahm,  
*After School Director*

Marlene Domhoff,  
*Organist / Music Director*

Joe Ludwik, *Sexton*

Kimberly Peaco,  
*Secretary*

The Sunday Bulletin Deadline is  
Wednesdays at 10am

Monthly Newsletter Deadline is the  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

*Newsletter*

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