

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 13, 2020



*Sharing the
Truth of Christ's
Love by Caring
for the Needs
of Everyone!*

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 am
(Communion celebrated
every Sunday)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(ages 3 - 4th Grade)
September - May, 10:00 am

CONFIRMATION CLASS

(5th - 8th Grades)
September - May, 6:00 pm

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

(9th - 12th Grades)
September - May, 10:00 am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

September - May, 10:00 am

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Someone once asked, "How many people does it take to change a lightbulb?" The answer? "None; people don't like change." Life, unfortunately, is wrought with change. We encounter unexpected twists and turns that can sometimes feel like punishment or abandonment. Even in the best of times there will be change. This year, 2020, has been far from the best of times, and change has happened daily at a minimum, and multiple times on some days.

It's easy to have amnesia when it comes to God's goodness. Change can cause us to become fearful and doubt God's care for us. We especially feel this way if an undesirable change is a result of our own doing. It's imperative we remember that it doesn't matter if a change is a result of our actions or simply part of living in a fallen world (COVID-19); God's goodness does not change, as we're reminded of in **Malachi 3:6 (ESV)**: "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed." And again in **Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)**: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

God reminded the Israelites—and us today—in both the Old and New Testaments that He is faithful and does not change. It doesn't matter if you're feeling high on the mountaintop, sorrowful in the valley, or somewhere in between. Jesus Christ loves you with an everlasting love.

Jeremiah 31:3 (ESV) says: "The LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you." There is absolutely

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Prayer Requests



Those who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Kristy Bartels, Jean Brewer, Rhonda Driver (Rose Harmon's daughter), Neva (Rose Harmon's sister), Peyton Howard and Family (Sonja Sporleder's niece), Dennis Roush, Denny Sunderlage, Marilyn Thompson, and John Wieg.

Members who are residing at care centers: Meta Meyer and Ellen Nelson at The Sheridan at Tyler Creek, and Fern Warfel at Tower Hill Care Center.

Members experiencing difficulties in getting around: Alta Dittman, Mary Jane Lindaas, Mabel Maas, Doris Meilahn, Eleanor Miller, and Betty Roush.

People suffering from physical, emotional, economic, or coronavirus (COVID-19) pain, and residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

St. Peter's Mission to be revealed by the Holy Spirit and inform us of how to share Jesus' love with our neighbors.

For the people who are grieving the loss of loved ones.



Attendance



ATTENDANCE

Nov. 25: 27
Nov. 29: 49
Dec. 2: 20
Dec. 6: 46
Dec. 9:
Dec. 13:
Dec. 16:
Dec. 20:
Dec. 23:
Dec. 24:

Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers are always, first and foremost, given for the glory of God.

December 13

Given by Don & Sandy Dorwaldt, in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary, December 9th.

December 20

Given by Dick & Kristy Bartels, in memory of both sets of parents who have gone home to be with the Lord.

2021 Contribution Envelopes will be available beginning Sunday, December 13 in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Pergande at 630-377-7094 or kpergande@gmail.com.



Showing Jesus to others is so simple, yet so profound a gift. Here are two ideas in which you can "be Jesus" to those around you during this Christmas season.

HUMILITY

We tend to get frustrated when people cut in front of us in the check-out lane or on the road. Today, make a point of allowing someone else to go first.

HOSPITALITY

How can you bless the people in your community or your church family? Maybe you can run an errand for them, pick up groceries, or bake a Christmas treat. Find a special way to let them know you care.

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nothing in this world or outside of it that can separate you from His love, including change!

Romans 8:34-39 (ESV)

“Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



We serve the King of kings who is a specialist in meeting the oppressed, lifting the lowly, and reviving the downtrodden as it says in **Isaiah 57:15 (ESV)**: *“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.’”*

As a baptized, forgiven child of God, there’s no need to fear anything and that includes COVID-19 and change. The One Who’s Name is Holy loves you with an everlasting love, and that will never change!

***Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Christ has died! Christ is risen! He will come again!***

December Worship Assistants					
	ELDERS	USHERS	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR GUILD
Sunday, December 13	Chuck Petersen	Nancy Heine	Marilyn Eaves & Dolores Schuring	Paul Tegtmeier	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
Wednesday, December 16 Third Week of Advent*	Steve Sporleder	Jim Butt			
Sunday, December 20	Paul Tegtmeier	Fred Rackow	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Marilyn Eaves	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
Wednesday, December 23 Fourth Week of Advent*	Bob Felbinger	Fern Petersen			
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm	Jeff Pergande	Nancy Heine			
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm	Chuck Petersen	Christy Petersen			
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve, 11:00 pm	Steve Sporleder	Jim Butt			
Sunday, December 27	Bob Felbinger	Fred Rackow	Sally Hartje & Nancy Miller	Fern Petersen	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier

*Dessert will be served after each Wednesday night Advent Service

Birthdays

December 8	Rose Harmon
December 10	Marcia Mikesell Joe Rau

Wedding Anniversary

December 9	Don & Sandy Dorwaldt
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Baptismal Anniversary

December 9	Don Dorwaldt
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This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday, December 13	Worship, with Communion	9:00 am
	Christian Education	10:00 am
Wednesday, December 16	Confirmation Class	6:00-6:45 pm
	Third Week of Advent Service	7:00 pm
Thursday, December 17	LSP Christmas Sing	10:45 am
	Preschool Board Mtg.	6:30 pm
Friday, December 18	LSP Christmas Sing	10: 45 am & 2:25 pm

Special Assembly

There will be a Special Congregational Assembly on Sunday, December 20 to discuss a mandatory mask service for the 9:00 am Worship Service. The Assembly will be held immediately after Service.



Come, Join Us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, December 24!
4:00 pm & 11:00 pm (masks optional) ~ 7:00 pm (masks required)

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Pastor's Office Hours
 Mon., Wed., Thurs.
 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
 Tues., Fri.
 10:00 am -12:30 pm