

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 20, 2020



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

MESSENGER

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

December 8 was my official one-year anniversary here at St. Peter's. It's been one unique year, to say the least.

I received your call on September 22, Marilyn and I visited in early October, I accepted the call in late October, and we arrived here on December 2. We found a temporary home at the end of a two-week house hunting expedition. We then went back to Barnesville, MN, packed a truck, and in the middle of a blizzard returned with the first of two truck loads of our belongings. Oh, I forgot to mention that I began putting together the bulletins December 2, preached the first midweek Advent service, and the Sunday morning service before my installation, before going back for that first load.

After some settling in, we returned to Barnesville in the middle of January to pack the last of the two loads and return here in the middle of a second blizzard. We're tired of snow, especially blizzards! After some more getting settled in, along came Lent. Shortly into Lent is when COVID-19 began to unleash its havoc on Illinois and the rest of the world. We went through the period of about three months of stay-at-home and were finally able to return to in-person worship on May 31.

Since then, the Elders, President, and Vice President, have diligently tried to continue worship, while meeting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) guidelines, as well as all the other restrictions placed on us.

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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), Ernst, Kohn, 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



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Dec. 2: 20
Dec. 6: 46
Dec. 9: 18
Dec. 13: 54
Dec. 16: 22
Dec. 20:
Dec. 23:
Dec. 24:
Dec. 27:

Altar Flowers



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

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 are available 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.

GOD'S WORD

What Bible verse has been meaningful in your life? Can you find a way to share that verse today? Post it on your social media page or send it in a note, text, or email to a friend or family member, whom you know would be blessed by it.

Explain why it means so much to you.



OH, WHAT FUN!

LSP's CHRISTMAS SING



December Worship Assistants

	ELDERS	USHERS	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR GUILD
Sunday, December 20	Paul Tegtmeier	Fred Rackow	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Marilyn Eaves	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
Wednesday, December 23 <i>Fourth Week of Advent*</i>	Bob Felbinger	Fern Petersen			
Thursday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm</i>	Jeff Pergande	Nancy Heine			
Thursday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm</i>	Paul Tegtmeier	Christy Petersen			
Thursday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve, 11:00 pm</i>	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 17	Phillip Stojan
December 18	Susan Warfel
December 19	Milly Winkelmann
Baptismal Anniversary	
December 14	Ethan Stuehler LeAnn Stuehler
December 17	Jeff Stuehler
December 18	Dennis Hecker Mabel Maas

Special Assembly Cancelled

The Special Congregational Assembly that was scheduled for today has been cancelled.

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, December 20	Worship, with Communion	9:00 am
	Christian Education	10:00 am
December 21- January 4	LSP OFF FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Wednesday, December 23	Fourth Week of Advent Service	7:00 pm
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services	4:00 & 11:00 pm <i>(masks optional)</i> 7:00 pm <i>(masks required)</i>
Friday, December 25	OFFICE CLOSED <i>(Christmas Day)</i>	

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So far, we've managed to find a way to worship a large percentage of our congregation safely. In fact, so safely that there have been no cases of COVID-19 infection because of worship. Throughout all this, the everyday things the church must deal with continued. Overall, St. Peter's has persevered and continued to seek the Lord's guidance as we move forever forward.

None of this would have been possible without our Lord and the work of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord has never abandoned us and always calls us to continue to **"Share the truth of Christ's love by caring for the needs of everyone."** This congregation has experienced its share of trials and tribulations and has sought to continue in the one true faith.

Marilyn and I are blessed to be here at St. Peter's. Through all that happened during the transition and COVID-19, you've continued to show the love and compassion of Christ with us and others. Your outpouring of kindness and generosity have been truly admirable.

As we end 2020 and begin 2021, only God knows what is in store for us. We pray that we'll face it together in God's power, love, and self-control as St. Paul says in **2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV):** *"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."*

Rejoice in the Lord always! You are baptized, forgiven children of the One True God. You are people of Easter and the empty tomb. Your names are written in God's book of life in Heaven for all eternity.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas as you make your preparations for the birth of the little baby born in Bethlehem, Our Savior, Jesus Christ! *Pastor and Marilyn Eaves*

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

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Monday-Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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