

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

DJanuary 3, 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

Do you feel unqualified for the job God has given you? Do you think He picked the wrong person? Many scriptural heroes felt the same. David, whose psalms encourage millions, lamented in **Psalm 102:7 (ESV)**: *"I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop."*

It's hard to imagine a less significant bird than a sparrow, yet Jesus said in **Matthew 10:29 (ESV)**: *"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father."*

One author writes: *"In our impersonal world it's easy to underestimate the significance of one. With so many who seem more capable, gifted, prosperous, and important, who am I to think my part amounts to much? Aren't you glad Martin Luther King Jr., Walt Disney, Winston Churchill, Irving Berlin, Abraham Lincoln, Charles Wesley, [and Mother Teresa] didn't think that way?"*

How many people did it take to help the victim on the Jericho road? How many were chosen to confront Pharaoh and lead the Exodus? How many lost sheep were of concern to the shepherd? How many did God use to prepare the way for the Messiah? Just one!

Centuries ago, a woman named Esther thought there was nothing she could do. She was the Jewish wife of a Persian king, about to be tricked into making a disastrous decision that would exterminate the Jews. Like everyone who stands in the gap, Esther was willing to get involved to the point of sacrifice, and she says in **Esther 4:16 (ESV)**: *"Go, gather all the Jews to be*

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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, Hollyn Thomas (Dave & Carol Bahr's newest great-granddaughter), 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.



Attendance



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Dec. 2:	20
Dec. 6:	46
Dec. 9:	18
Dec. 13:	54
Dec. 16:	22
Dec. 20:	50
Dec. 23:	18
Dec. 24:	
4:00 pm:	40
7:00 pm:	23
11:00 pm:	44
Dec. 27:	37

Altar Flowers



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

JANUARY 10

Given in memory of Ken Bartel's birthday, which was today.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer are available in the rack in the entrance. There are also large print copies, as well.



I'd like to say Thank you to all of you for the gift card you gave me for Christmas. It is much appreciated. I enjoy working for the church, It's been a joy and blessing as I've gotten to know many of you over the past 17 months that I've been here.

Blessings to you all! Denise Kohlmeyer



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found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and **if I perish, I perish.**”

Today ask yourself, “What should I be doing?” You can make a difference.

Remember Mordecai’s words to Esther in **Esther 4:14 (ESV)**: “For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”



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



Dear Lord,

Today, as 2020 comes to an end, I reflect—there’s been heartbreak, many tears, and uncertainties. But I pray for a reset, new beginnings, the courage to take risk, and for new testimonies. I declare 2021 a year of healing and spiritual awakening.

*In Jesus name.
Amen.*

January Worship Assistants

	ELDERS	USHERS	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR GUILD
January 3			Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Bette Wine	Cindy Kuschel
January 10			Bette Wine	Dennis Sunderlage	Cindy Kuschel
January 17			Marilyn Eaves & Dolores Schuring	Bob Felbinger	Cindy Kuschel
January 24			Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Kathy Pergande	Cindy Kuschel
January 31			Sally Hartje & Nancy Miller	Steve Sporleder	Cindy Kuschel

We will be taking down Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 10 after the service. If you're able to stay afterwards to help, that would be greatly appreciated.

This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday, January 3	Worship, with Communion <i>Donut Sunday & LWML Mite Sunday</i>	9:00 am
	Christian Education	10:00 am
Thursday, January 7	Ladies Aid Mtg. <i>(masks required)</i>	12:30 pm
	Elder's Meeting	6:30 pm

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Church Office Hours
 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