

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 10, 2021



*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

Twelve Days of Christmas

People often think that the Twelve Days of Christmas are the days preceding Christmas. However, the 12 days are the season in the Christian Church Year that actually go from December 25 to January 6 (Day of Epiphany), when the Church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the Light of the world and recalls the journey of the Magi.

But, from 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. It was sometime during that era that someone wrote the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without the risk of being persecuted. Each element in the carol is a code word for a religious reality.

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.

The two turtledoves are the Old and New Testaments.

The three French hens stand for faith, hope, and love.

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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 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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Jan. 3: 43

Jan. 10:

Jan. 17:

Jan. 24:

Jan. 31

TRUE PRACTICE OF FAITH

Tithing is a question, not of reason or convenience or what God will do for us, but of faith in God as our Creator and Owner. Tithing involves complete trust in His providential promises.

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.

We will be taking down Christmas decorations TODAY after the service. If you're able to stay afterwards to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

I want give a huge THANK YOU to all of my church family who participated in making my 50th birthday so memorable. All of the kind words and thoughtful / funny gifts was such a surprise. I'm not sure how you pulled it off, but I had no idea. I am always humbled by the kindness of this congregation.

God bless you all.
Chuck Petersen

THANK YOU

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The four calling birds are the four Gospels.

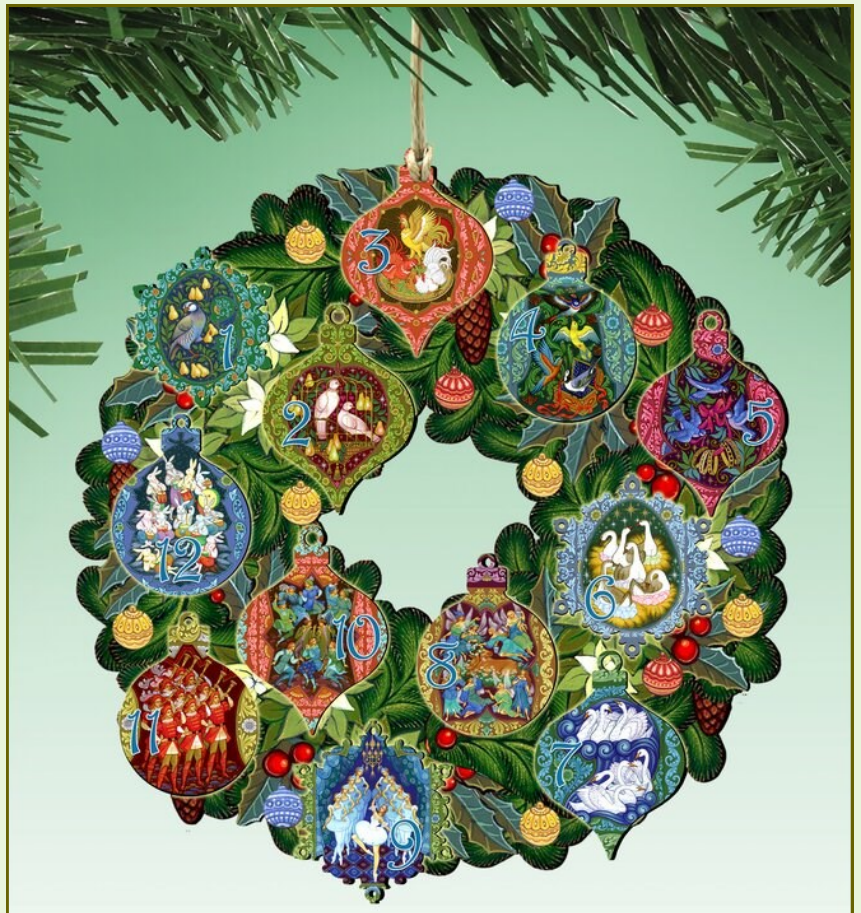
The five golden rings recall the Torah (Law), the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. (While some Christians accept these as a definitive list of specific attributes, others understand them merely as examples of the Holy Spirit's work through the faithful. Roman Catholics believe that initiates receive these seven gifts at baptism and that they are strengthened at Confirmation so that one can proclaim the truths of the faith.)

The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12, ESV).

Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-24, ESV).



The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples.

Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the 12 points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

There you have it. The **hidden** meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas and the secret behind the song.

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

January Worship Assistants				
	USHERS	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR GUILD
January 10	Jim Butt	Bette Wine	Dennis Sunderlage	Cindy Kuschel
January 17	Nancy Heine	Marilyn Eaves & Dolores Schuring	Bob Felbinger	Cindy Kuschel
January 24	Fern Petersen	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Kathy Pergande	Cindy Kuschel
January 31	Christy Petersen	Sally Hartje & Nancy Miller	Steve Sporleder	Cindy Kuschel

Birthdays	
January 1	Teddy Beaman Mikey Bensko
January 5	Jeff Kowalski
Wedding Anniversaries	
January 1	Dean & Shana Flatland
January 9	Bart & Becky Needham
Baptismal Anniversaries	
January 2	Milly Winkelman
Date Unknown	Joe Hulke Tracy Krause Doris Meilahn Neil Steffens

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, January 10	Worship, with Communion	9:00 am
	Christian Education	10:00 am
Monday & Tuesday, January 11 & 12	LSP Resumes	
Wednesday, January 13	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
	Outreach Board Mtg.	6:00 pm
Thursday, January 14	Elder's Mtg. <i>(rescheduled from the 7th)</i>	6:30 pm

New Women's Bible - Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent

Join Nikki Deacon, LCC Ministry Director, beginning Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 7:00 pm CST to explore the major feasts of Israel, and journey through this seven-session, in-depth Bible Study of Psalms 120-134.

These 15 psalms model how we can voice our petitions and praises to God, who is always available and ready to hear us. Themes include: unity, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more.

Go to <https://lcc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1280/responses/new> to register.

The cost is \$10, and you can purchase the workbook (\$18.99) at either LifeWay.com or Amazon.com.

The study is via Zoom. Once you register, you will be sent the links each week to join the study.



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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