

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

43W301 Plank Road, Hampshire, IL, 60140, 847-464-5721

December 10, 2023

Sunday Service

9:00 am

(Communion celebrated every Sunday)

Children's Sunday School

(Ages 3 - 8th Grade)

September - May, 10:00 am

High School Sunday School

(9th - 12th Grades)

September - May, 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study

10:30 am

Confirmation

5:00 pm

*Sharing the truth of Christ's love
by caring for the needs of everyone!*

Advent verses Christmas

Many do not understand the word Advent. Others, even Christians, understand Advent and Christmas to be synonymous with one another. The reality is that they are two different things.

Advent is a time of the Church Year that begins with the Sunday closest to November 30th and is the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is from a Latin word that means coming and its emphasis is on preparation for the coming of Christ. The first part of Advent focuses on preparation for the coming of Christ as King and Judge, while the latter part looks to His coming in the incarnation. The mood of Advent is one of hope, anticipation, and preparedness.

Christmas for the Church Year begins on the evening of December 24th, the Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord, and continues through January 5th.

The confusion is that the season of Christmas in the Church Year and the holiday of Christmas of the secular world are not the same. They share the same date but have two different meanings. Because the secular world begins its celebration of Christmas on the day after Thanksgiving and ends on December 25th, there has been some displacement of Advent. In addition, there are those in the congregation who want to sing Christmas music instead of Advent hymns and there are those who want to decorate the church far in advance of the actual celebration of the Nativity. The pressure to do both of these things should be resisted. Advent is too important, theologically, to shorten or displace it.

Advent and Christmas are both part of the Time of Christmas with Advent and Christmas being Seasons of the Church Year with Advent being celebrated first followed by Christmas. Advent and Christmas are not synonymous with each other and should not be considered as such. *(Much of this information was taken from The Altar Guild Manual – Lutheran Service Book Edition Copyright 1996, 2008)*

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

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Prayer Requests



Those who are ill:

Don Adams, Elaine Adams, Pamela Andrews, Gloria Balgeman, Alicia Briskey (acute leukemia), Steve Collins (Linda Butt's son-in-law), Payton Cowan, Marie Gehrke, Sherry Gehrke (for wisdom with farm dealings), Rose Hartwig, Evelyn Hertrich, Karen Johnson (brain and lung cancer), Ernst Kohn, Daniel Kowalski, Linda Mandell, Paul Mills, Dave Neisendorf, Dennis Roush, Lynn Robertson (cancer), Shirley Schneider (Marilyn Eaves' mom), Andy Schuring, Norm Schuring, Shaquita (Nakaila Slaughter's mother), Karen Stojan, Marilyn Thompson, Kathy Voog (breast cancer), Joe Watzlawick (Bobby Watzlawick's father - cancer), and Andrea Zachotina

Those residing in healthcare centers:

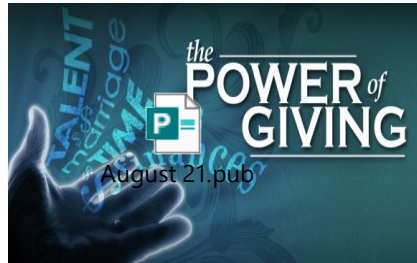
Don & Elaine Adams (Heritage Woods), Dave & Carol Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts (unknown), Walt Claus (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Marie Gehrke (Avondale), Meta Meyer (The Pointe at Eastgate), Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Bill Mikesell (Crescent Care), and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living

Those serving in our military:

Aidan Buttrum and Ally Mills

Family and friends mourning the death of Steven Ackmann

Attendance



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November 22: 32
November 26: 44
December 3: 57
December 6: 20
December 10:
December 13:
December 17:
December 20:
December 24:
December 31:

Altar Guild



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

December 10

In honor of Don & Sandy Dorwaldt's 62nd wedding anniversary, December 9.

Life Quote - December 10, 2023

"You might not be impressive by the world's standards. You might be a third-shift worker, a nameless neighbor, or a sinner who messed up in very public ways. But the angel declared good news for all people, which logically must include you. So, rejoice today! A Savior was born to you!" *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life, lutheransforlife.org.*



Life Thought - December 10, 2023 - Advent II

John the Baptist prophesied the Gospel of the Kingdom that with Jesus; blessing life has filled our mouths with shouts of joy (Psalm 126:2). We have His permission to give voice to this Gospel in all circumstances and without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). Our time has come to bear witness to the Light (John 1:6-7). Confess and do not deny (John 1:20) the sanctity of life!

!!! Preschool News !!!

We have an immediate need for a teacher's assistant to join our staff beginning January 1, 2024. Unfortunately, Danielle, our assistant who was working her way to teacher/director, cannot remain with our program. Therefore we need a teacher's assistant and a teacher/director for the 2025/2026 school year.

If you know of anyone interested in a part-time/mornings-only position, please have them contact Kristina Kolodziej for more details at 847-464-5134. Thank you, Christy Petersen, Board President.



Ladies' Aid Potluck Luncheon - December 14, 12:00 pm

All ladies in the congregation are invited to join us for a Christmas celebration potluck luncheon with the Ladies' Aid of St. Peter's on December 14 at 12:00 pm. Many of you have helped with different functions that have been sponsored by this group and we would like for you to join us for this lunch. There is always plenty of food, so if you just want to spend some time together, don't worry about bringing any food.

Food Pantry Needs

Items Needed: canned pastas, canned fruits, canned beans, pancake mixes and syrups, Hamburger Helpers, hand and dishwashing soaps, cookies, cake mixes and frostings, cereals, crackers, bathroom tissues, and bar soaps.

Mail monetary donations to: Burlington/Hampshire Area Food Pantry, P.O. Box 651, Hampshire, IL 60140

Fill the Pews: December 17

Scrip Cards

Last week's scrip card orders can be picked up this Sunday, December 10. Also, this is the last week to place orders. Visa cards are available in \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 increments, with no activation fee.

Please speak to a Preschool Board member to take your order. Cards ordered this Sunday will be delivered next Sunday, December 17.

Advent and Christmas Services Themes

During the Advent season, our Sunday morning worship services' theme will be "The Light of Grace," and our midweek services' theme will be "God with Us." Christmas eve services will be a combination of the two, and the Christmas Day service theme is "The Light of Grace."

In the series "The Light of Grace," we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the hymn "Amazing Grace" and that Jesus is the Light of the World Who shines on us with His amazing grace. Through Scripture, song, and reflections, we are reminded that Jesus makes His grace known through the undeserved gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love—gifts revealed in special ways in the lives of Zechariah, Isaiah, Elizabeth, and Mary.

The series "God with Us" focuses on the ways in which God is with us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Each week will focus on a different word picture of the coming Christ found in the poetic and prophetic words of Isaiah. Services will reveal how Christ continues to be present with us even now. The theme verse for the entire series is: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, "God with us")" (Matthew 1:23 ESV). Hymns in the series include "O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People," "Once He Came in Blessing," "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," and "Prepare the Royal Highway." There will be plenty of opportunity to worship and find healing.

Worship Assistants

	Elder	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild
12/10	Jeff Pergande	Christy Petersen	Beth Jack, Betty Kurtz	Paul Tegtmeier	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
12/17	Bob Felbinger	Nancy Heine	Marilyn Eaves	Heidi Blezien	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
12/24	Steve Sporleder	Fern Petersen	Bette Wine	Ally Mills	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
12/31	Jeff Pergande	Christy Petersen	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Denny Sunderlage	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier

Birthdays	
12/10	Marcia Mikesell Joe Rau
12/16	Michelle Miller
Baptism Anniversaries	
12/14	Ethan Stuehler LeAnn Stuehler

Lutheran Hour	
December 10	"A-T Walker" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost.
December 15	"Empty Boxes - A Christmas" Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
Broadcast Stations & Times: Sundays	
WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am	
WGSL 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm	
WKKD 1580 AM, 9:30 am	

Mail seminary family gifts to:
Concordia Seminary Attn: Katie Nafzger 801 Seminary Place St. Louis, MO 63105

Poinsettias
This a reminder to pay for the poinsettias you have ordered. Make the check out to St. Peter's, put poinsettia in the memo line, and drop in the Givings Back plate.

This Week		
Sunday, 12/10	Worship - Advent 2 <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i> Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Monday, 12/11	Altar Guild Meeting Choir Practice	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Wednesday, 12/13	Chapel - Deer Path Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Dinner Midweek Advent Services	10:00 am 11:45 am 6:30 pm 1:30 pm, 7:30 pm
Thursday, 12/14	Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Ladies' Aid Potluck Bible Study Elders Meeting	11:15 am 12:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm
Saturday, 12/16	Drive-Thru Nativity & Chili Dinner <i>The Lutheran Church of St. John</i> <i>26555 Brickville Rd., Sycamore</i>	4:30 - 6:00 pm
Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 12/17	Worship - Advent 3 <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i> <i>Fill the Pews</i> Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Monday, 12/18	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 12/20	Chapel - Deer Path Dinner Midweek Advent Services	10:00 am 6:30 pm 1:30 pm, 7:30 pm
Thursday, 12/21	Little Saints Preschool Christmas Sing (T/Th class) Pinochle Bible Study	10:30 am 1:00 pm 1:30 pm
Friday, 12/22	Little Saints Preschool Christmas Program <i>(Pre-K class)</i>	11:00 am
Sunday, 12/24	Worship - Advent 4, & Children's Christmas Program <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> Worship - The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve) Candlelight Services w/ Communion	9:00 am 1:30 pm, 7:30 pm, & 11:00 am

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