

St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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**Advent Worship,
Sunday School Program,
Christmas Worship**

DECEMBER 2019

The Newsletter of
St. Peter Lutheran Church [ELCA],
Greene, IA

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and will
call him
Immanuel

Wonderful Coun-
selor: Mighty God:
Everlasting Father:
Prince of Peace

C H R I S T M A S D A Y

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene, Iowa
Unofficial Council Minutes November 6, 2019

Members Present: Delores Adelmund, Esther Backer, David Crow, John Ebensberger, Carrie Eiklenborg, Kelly Hoodjer, Keith Hyman, and Erin Mulder **Members Absent:** Clarene Backer, Jan Osier, Chuck Thompson, and June Vogelmann **Also Present:** Christin Flucke, Robin Majewski, Gale Brinkman, Julie Brinkman

Devotions: David read from Bread for the Day.

Church Vision: Council members read and discussed: "This Conversation Again? Improving Church Communication."

Secretary's Minutes for the October meeting: *Keith made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes. John 2nd. M/C*

Additions to Agenda: Nominating Committees, Worship times for December 29 & January 26.

Committee Reports Building and Grounds: Carol Barth and Keith met. Gary Schmidt and John Backer are working on replacing parts for the old elevator, Schumacher will do an inspection. By doing this, the expense will be considerably cheaper than expected. Hopefully, this will be accomplished before the Cantata.

Education and Youth: **A.** Sunday school program will be Saturday evening, December 7th. **B.** Junior High Ministry have done service projects, school kits, and the Halloween food drive, which were all a success. **C.** Ten of our Confirmation youth, plus Christin, Sarah Hawker & Pastor Daniel spent a weekend at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp for a "Junior High Recharge Weekend". **D.** Adult Education: A survey is being put together to see what members of the congregation would like to have.

Stewardship and Finance: Met Tuesday, October 29th. **A.** A budget meeting will be held November 18th at 7:00. **B.** Thrivent Choice Dollars: Julie and Robin gave a complete explanation of how the Choice Dollars are received and how the funds are distributed. This years Thrivent Choice Dollar amount was \$5,989.00. *Esther made a motion to accept the recommendations. John 2nd M/C* **C.** Advent envelope offerings will go to LSI *Erin made a motion for the offerings to go to LSI. Delores 2nd M/C*

Worship and Evangelism: **A.** At their last meeting, hymns were picked for the next month. **B.** Worship times for upcoming joint services were discussed. Christmas Day will be 9:00 am, December 29 (joint service) and January 26th (joint worship preceding Annual Meeting) will be at 9:30 am. *Carrie made a motion to go with these worship times. David 2nd M/C*

Personnel: **A.** The staff evaluation form was presented for committees to use by the end of the year. **B.** Jeff is working on a process for grievances. *David made a motion to approve the staff evaluation form. Keith 2nd M/C*
John made a motion to accept the committee reports. David 2nd. M/C

Mutual Ministry

WELCA **A.** WELCA is planning to provide refreshments for the Cantata. **B.** WELCA will be doing the Christmas Giving Tree again this year. They usually purchase gifts for 10 children. **C.** WELCA will provide bars for the Advent meals or fellowship. **D.** The Thankoffering on November 16/17th will go to World Hunger.

Youth & Children's Ministry **A.** Ten confirmation kids went to Riverside Bible Camp for a retreat. **B.** Luther League went to a haunted house and walked ditches for trash removal. **C.** Traci Bartels is leading the Christmas program.

Pastor's Report: **A.** Saturday, November 9th, St Peter will be hosting a workshop on human trafficking. Erin & Delores will make coffee. *Motion by Keith to accept Pastor's report. Kelly 2nd. M/C*

Treasurer's Report: *Motion made by Esther to accept the Treasurer's report. Carrie 2nd. M/C*

Old Business: **A.** Repairs are being done to fix the lift elevator.

New Business: **A.** Luther League, Stewardship Committee and Council will each take a week to serve the meal before the Advent services. **B.** A question was raised about a person serving as a committee member beyond normal term limits. According to the by-laws, this is permissible with council approval, so it would take a vote at the February 2020 meeting.

Other Business: **A.** Request by Melissa, Callen and Hank Johannsen to transfer their membership at St Peter Lutheran to Fredsville Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls. *Erin made a motion to accept this transfer. Delores 2nd. M/C* **B.** Request by Nathan, Livia and Drake Steere to release their membership at St Peter Lutheran to Cedar Point Church, Nashua. *John made a motion to accept this release. Carrie 2nd M/C*

Keith made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Carrie 2nd M/C. Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Financial Report
November 18, 2019**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$15,079.26
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$15,079.26
 Other Fund Balances	
Elevator	-\$1,197.95
Benevolence and Mission	\$1,787.30
Building and Repair	\$415.44
Basement Windows	\$3,899.00
Fellowship	\$1,941.09
Thrivent Choice	\$170.00
Restoration	\$17,049.71
Missionary Support	\$1,040.00
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>
	<u>\$25,554.59</u>
 Bank Balance	
Checking	\$19,581.03
Money Market	<u>\$21,052.82</u>
TOTAL BANK	<u>\$40,633.85</u>
 Goyer Scholarship	
	\$986.45
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,063.74

On Stewardship

“My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?”

—Bob Hope, Comedian

“For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.”

—Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:9

**Annual Meeting:
10:30 am Sunday,
January 26, 2020**

By constitutional rule, the congregation must be informed of the Annual Meeting in sufficient time for individuals or groups to apply to be on the agenda.

The agenda is set a minimum of ten [10] days before the Annual Meeting.

Anything can be brought up to be discussed, but unless it is on the agenda as approved by the Council, it can not be voted upon. A special meeting would then have to be called to act upon that issue.



**Annual Reports Due
January 2nd!!**

If you are the head of a committee or organization in the church, we need your annual report as soon as possible. The Annual Reports need to be typed, published and ready for distribution the weekend of January 18/19, 2020.

They can be e-mailed directly to the church at stpeter@myomnitel.com

**Restoration Fund
St. Peter Lutheran Church**

Communing With All the Saints

We have an extension of our Worship by offering the opportunity to receive Holy Communion on the day we celebrate it in worship. For those who are not able to attend worship, but would like to receive Communion, we will send the Sacrament to you right from the worship service. Lay ministers will bring Communion to those who wish it. If you are interested in receiving Holy Communion from the Sunday Service or if you have questions about this, please call the church office at 816-5531 to set up a time.

**"Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace.
And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace."**

DECEMBER - Holy Communion Schedule

6:00 pm Saturday, November 30, December 14th

8:30 am Sunday, December 1st & 15th

11:00 am Sunday, December 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

6:00 pm Christmas Eve

Home Communions

Please call the church office and schedule a time for Holy Communion. We would like to reach ALL our shut-ins before Christmas.

- When individual glasses are offered at Holy Communion, the clear glasses have wine in them and the purple glasses have grape juice.



WELCA - Mission Action

QUILT TYING DAYS ... Women AND Men .. mark your calendars. Tying and finishing quilt days will be on Tuesdays and Fridays in January and February of 2020 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. with a potluck at noon. Come when you can and leave when you must. January dates - 3,7,10,14,17, 21, 23, 28, 31 (**first day is a Friday**), February dates - 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 (**first day is a Tuesday**) **Just go to the old basement at church and take what you need from material in a closet there if you want to sew at home (making quilt tops, etc.).**

ITEMS NEEDED FOR MAKING OF Baby Care Kits -- T-shirts or tops, sleepers, hooded sweatshirts or sweaters (**should be size 6 to 24 months**), hand towels, bars of gentle soap in original wrapping (**must be 4-5 oz. in size.** **REMEMBER .. If school is canceled because of bad weather, THEN QUILTING IS CANCELED ALSO.**

**Sunday,
December 22nd**

**Valley View
Devotions
at 2:00 pm**

St. Peter WELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS: December - Glory Circle

WELCA CALENDAR

Senior citizen meals coordinator - Mary Brinkman

November 30th - 9:00 am - Put up poinsettias

December 12th - 11:30 am - All circle Holiday potluck

16th - Prayer Shawl Ministry - 3:00 pm

22nd - Valley View devotions - 2:00 pm All circles

The WELCA Board would like to wish everyone a blessed holiday season. We hope that you will take time to rejoice in the birth of Christ and his blessings by sharing and spending time with family and friends. The people in our lives are our richest blessings. Merry Christmas!

Your WELCA Board: Connie Yerkes, Sue Brinkman, Julie Brinkman, Betty Heitland, Nancy Reser, Bev Christensen, and Sue Schroeder.

WELCA 'Giving Tree' Ornaments

The WELCA Giving Tree will be up in the fellowship hall starting November 30th. **The Ornaments on the tree will only be for money donations.** The beauty of the Giving Tree is that we do not know who the recipients are - only that there is a need and because of Jesus' love for us, we can fill it.

We are purchasing gifts for 10 children this year - Girls age 10 months, 3, 4, 7 & 13 and Boys age 9 months, 2, 5, 7, 8 & 11.

Check out the tree at Saturday, Sunday and Advent worship services. Please put the ornament and the money in an envelope and slide it under Robin's office door by **Sunday, December 15th**. The rest will be taken care of by WELCA. Please make checks payable to WELCA. Thanks again for your generosity and ministry to others.





Wednesday Advent Worship at
St. Peter Lutheran Church
on

Wednesday, December 4 at 6:15 pm
Wednesday, December 11 at 6:15 pm
Wednesday, December 18 at 6:15 pm

Join us for supper at 5:30 pm
in the fellowship hall

- December 4 - Meal provided by Luther League
- December 11 - Meal provided by Stewardship Committee
- December 18 - Meal provided by Church Council

Everyone is INVITED to attend.

Thanks to WELCA for preparing bars each week, and to the Greene Brethren/UMC and First Presbyterian congregations for worshiping with us!

HOSTING FELLOWSHIP IN DECEMBER

- 1st - Volunteer Needed
- 8th - Volunteer Needed
- 15th - Volunteer Needed
- 22nd - Volunteer Needed
- 29th - Volunteer Needed

Sunday School Christmas Program

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us on **Saturday, December 7 at 6:00 pm** for a special Saturday worship service that will



include the Sunday School Christmas Program. All students in nursery - 6th grade will be part of the program and are asked to be at church by 5:30 that night.

Vacation Bible School

In the midst of the snow and Christmas lights, summer may seem far away, but it will be here before we know it. So, mark your calendars for **June 29-July 1 and plan to join us for Vacation Bible School 2020!** VBS is open to all children age 3 – 5th grade, and older youth and adults are needed to volunteer. Our theme this summer will be “Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus”. More details to come!



St. Peter Lutheran DECEMBER Birthdays

- 1 - Christin Flucke,
Crystal Ott
- 2 - Dana Frerichs
- 3 - Kaye Blong
- 4 - Sara Stark
- 5 - David Brinkman,
Anthony Miller,
Bonnie Sneed
- 6 - Jennifer Averhoff,
Donna Spratt
- 7 - Rose Adelmund,
Ryan Behnke,
Lee Calease,
Lauren Hawker,
Joyce Wiele
- 8 - Cooper Coake,
Conner Hobson,
Trace Landers,
Meredith Shultz,
Kirsten Zimmerman
- 9 - Joshua Rogers
- 10 - Brent Ebling,
Cindy (John) Steere
- 11 - Duane Majewski,
Chet Shultz

- 13 - Finn Pitzenberger,
Kevin Schafer,
Isabelle Schroeder,
Benjamin Trepp
- 14 - Gene Ross
- 15 - Dawn Van Etten
- 16 - Norma Noel,
Les Steere
- 18 - Faron Jensen
- 19 - Dylan Christensen,
Kay Joebgen,
Dan Osier,
Darren Rogers
- 20 - Maddison Brummond,
Dave Iverson,
Reagan Tidemanson
- 21 - Joyce Constien,
Taelyn Landers
- 22 - James Arjes,
Ashley Christensen,
Betsy Christensen,
Jean Ann Wedeking
- 23 - Calvin Hanson
Nathaniel Martzahn,
Merlin Schuknecht

- 24 - Josephine Allen,
Cindy Brinkman,
Peggy Griffin
- 25 - Kelly Hoodjer,
Marnie Schmidt
- 26 - Pat Calease,
Caleb Collins,
Suzanne Miller,
Brenda Rickart,
Jett Stroberg
- 27 - Alexandra Mathers
- 28 - Case Frerichs,
Julie Watkins
- 29 - John Ebensberger,
Hayden Freeseemann,
Ross Hawker,
Isabella Stroberg
- 30 - Matt Cousins,
Mariah Jensen,
John Osier,
Louise Squires,
Marilyn Wahlgren

Photo Release

From time to time our members may have their pictures taken or be videotaped during major events. If you do not want your picture shared on Facebook or on our Website, please contact the church office so we can be sure to honor your wishes.

Thank you!



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is seeking members to serve on the church council. This is an opportunity to serve the Lord and to better understand of all the ingredients that are needed to fulfill the ministry at St. Peter. We ask you prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. Council positions will be voted on at our Annual meeting. There are also openings on some of the committees. If you are interested, please contact the Nominating Committee: Eldie Peterson, Gary Schmidt, Carol Barth, Ashley Coake, Lauren Hawker & Phil Wahlgren.



LSI Article

Merry Christmas from LSI!

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5

As Christmas approaches, we give thanks to you! Whether you have lifted up our organization through a financial or in-kind gift, volunteered your time to our programming, or supported us as a ministry partner this year, you have helped bring the light of Christ to others.

At LSI, we know many people experiencing deep darkness. We know parents who feel hopeless, with little resources to raise their young children. We know adults with disabilities who feel voiceless, with no support system or connection to their community. We know teens who are aging out of foster care, who fear they will never have a family to love them.

The holidays can be an especially difficult time for our most vulnerable neighbors. In the spirit of giving, the spirit of love, and the spirit of working together, let us stand with them and lift them up this Christmas season. If you would like to learn more about how you can support Iowa children and families, contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563.676.2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Wishing you a blessed and merry Christmas from LSI!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Thrivent Financial

Thank You Thrivent Financial for Lutherans policy members for having Choice Dollars designated to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

From November 2018 to October 2019 donations were \$5,989.00. The council approved the Stewardship Committees recommendation of the following.

Building & Repair	\$250.00
Church Basement Windows	\$899.00
Lift Elevator Fund	\$3,000.00
Parish Health Nurse	\$300.00
Missionary / Mary Beth	\$200.00
Jr. High Ministry	\$250.00
Vacation Bible School	\$150.00
WELCA	\$690.00
Greene Food Bank	\$250.00

If you have any question you can contact Julie Brinkman 816-4335 or Robin at the church office 816-5531.

*50th Anniversary of
Community Christmas
Cantata
Sunday, December 1st
at 2:00 pm
at St. Peter Lutheran.
Fellowship following Cantata*

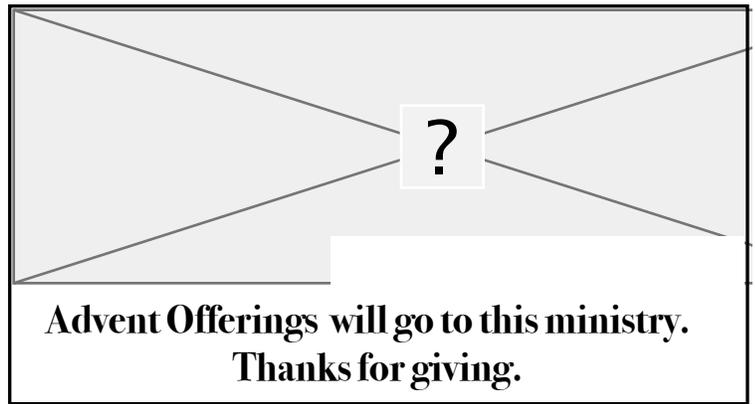


Family In Other Churches

In Hebrews 10:25, Christians are called to regularly meet together as part of a local congregation. One of the roles of the pastor, church council, and church office is maintaining accurate membership records to make sure no one in our congregation is neglected. To help keep our records up to date, we need your help.

If you or someone you are connected to has moved away and is participating in another congregation, please let the church office know by calling or emailing stpeter@myomnitel.com so we can properly transfer their membership. Of course everyone is always welcome at St. Peter, but it is important that our membership list accurately reflect those who are currently active in this congregation.

Poinsettias are due at the church by
Saturday morning
November 30th,
at 9:00 am
so they can be set up to decorate the
church.



2019 Giving Statements

The 2019 "End of Year" Giving Statements from the church for tax purposes will be done shortly after the end of the year, so watch your mail for them.

Thanks for your
generous giving
at the end of the



Thank you to everyone who donated boxes for Operation Christmas Child. There were a total of 54 boxes donated by St. Peter members and others. Thank you for your generous response in brightening the lives of little children this Christmas.



Advent Waiting

*For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. –
1 Corinthians 13:12*

Waiting is hard. As a child, I remember lying awake in bed on Christmas morning knowing there would be presents waiting outside my bedroom in the stockings hanging by the chimney. Our family tradition was to open our stockings together, so I had to wait until everyone else was awake. Later, when we opened presents, our family always went one at a time, in order by age, and sometimes it was difficult to find the patience to wait your turn!

When you know something good is coming, waiting can be difficult! Perhaps that's a little of why the Christmas season seems to start earlier and earlier each year. It's so tempting to jump ahead to the good stuff, to the family togetherness, to the carols, to the presents, to the worship.

Waiting is sacred. If waiting for good things is often challenging, waiting for something bad is even more difficult. As a pastor, I have the privilege of gathering with families around a bedside as they wait for a loved one to breathe their last breath. When life's end is very near, there is a palpable tension in the room after each exhalation as everyone leans in, waiting to see if there will be another inhalation.

Waiting with a person for the conclusion of their earthly journey is a holy task. The space between the physical and spiritual worlds can feel very thin indeed. Faith sustains us through the waiting.

Waiting is important. The church year begins with the season of Advent, a season of waiting and watching. It's a season of expectantly hoping for God to act. It's not, however, entirely focused on Christmas. Of course Advent builds up to the joyful proclamation of Jesus' birth, but Advent's theme is also about waiting and hoping for Christ's return in glory. Many of our readings in worship this month focus on the end of the world, and the promise of God's kingdom fully realized at last.

Waiting involves slowing down and observing the world around us. We have the chance to see how this world is and is not yet like the kingdom God is building. In this season of busyness, pause and notice the world. Breathe. Notice what it feels like to wait, rather than jumping ahead to the Christmas celebrations.

Waiting is personal. I'm experiencing the season of Advent in a new way this year as Christin and I wait for the birth of our firstborn son. As I assume all of you who are already parents can understand, we're living in this strange in-between space right now. There's a feeling of being in limbo. All the usual tasks and routines of life remain the same, yet everything has a sense of being temporary. We know what to expect, and yet at the same time, we know so much of our lives will soon be different, in ways we cannot possibly comprehend.

As Christians, we know the peace that comes from Jesus. We know the promises of faith and of eternal life. And yet, everything we know of God and of God's kingdom is filtered through the realities of this life. When our waiting is complete, we will know God in a new way, for we will be directly in the presence of our loving Creator for all eternity. It will be well worth the wait!

Welcome to Advent. May God be with you in the waiting.

-Pastor Daniel Flucke

Snow Cancellations

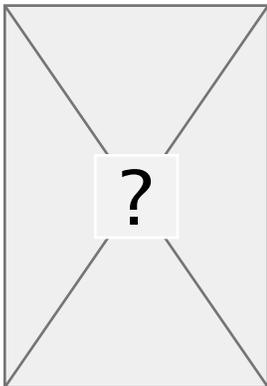
Winter and snow season are upon us. Worship will only be canceled if the town is completely shut down.



Also, if school is canceled during the day then all youth & confirmation activities will be canceled as well. Any weather notices will be posted on the church Facebook page and website.

First and last rule: "Use the good sense God gave you and be safe!"

The Season of Giving



This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported St. Peter Lutheran Church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions, and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, please

check on Simply Giving. Simply Giving is an Electronic Funds Transaction (EFT) from your bank account. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find Simply Giving a most welcome way to make contributions. You may also use secure electronic giving with your smart phone or going to the St Peter website and clicking on the giving button. Contact the church office for more information.

**COUNCIL MEETING:
Wednesday, December 4th
at 7:30 pm**

Don't Forget the Ministry of the Food Bank

Nonperishable food items or financial donations



"It is more blessed to give than to receive..."

Greene Community Food Bank

Food Bank items for the month of December is cold cereal, oatmeal, ketchup & mustard. All donations are appreciated, we can use any food or paper items that are given to us.



*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24th 6:00 pm

Candle light. Carols. Communion. And the story of the God who comes to us as a little child!

Join us for Christmas Eve worship at 6:00 pm on December 24 as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

This is a family service, and all are welcome. Come a little early as the sanctuary will be crowded. Communion will be by intinction, and there's nothing quite like singing "Silent Night" by candlelight!



Christmas Day Worship

9:00 am

Join us on Christmas Day, December 25, for a more intimate Sunday worship service. We will hear John's version of the Christmas story and sing some of your favorite Christmas carols.



A Christmas Poem

[for those who have lost a love one]

I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below with tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear, for I'm spending time with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas carols that people hold so dear, but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

For I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description to hear an angel sing.

I can't tell you of the splendor, of the peace here in this place. Can you imagine Christmas with our Savior, face to face?

I'm asking you to light your spirit, as I tell him of your love. So then pray one for another as you lift your eyes above.

Please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing. For I'm spending Christmas in heaven and I'm walking with the king.

Author Unknown



Planning for Parental Leave

As you are likely aware, Christin and I are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Baby Flucke sometime around Christmas (the due date is December 26). Once he makes his appearance, Christin and I will both be taking some time away from St. Peter for parental leave. Church Council has established a policy of four weeks of leave for fathers and six weeks for mothers, so I plan to be on leave for most of January. Coverage is lined up for worship, and local pastors who will be “on call” for pastoral emergencies and funerals. **So for any pastoral need you might have after the baby arrives, please call President Kelly Hoodjer 631-330-6644, Vice President Keith Hyman 641-512-1023 or Robin at the church 816-5531.**

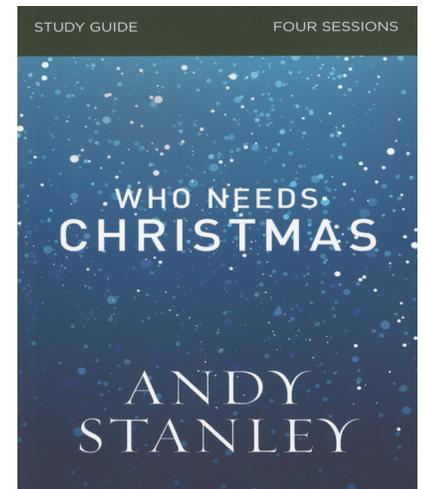
Advent Study: Who Needs Christmas?

4,000 years ago, God promised to act through Abraham’s bloodline. 2,000 years later, Jesus was born. And 2,000 years after that, we’re still talking about it. Why?

Each Sunday of Advent during the education hour, we’ll explore how the events in the Old Testament lead up to the miraculous events of Christmas. Through this four-session video study from Pastor Andy Stanley, we’ll learn why Christmas was a necessary part of God’s plan to save the world. We’ll unpack why the improbability of the Christmas story is exactly what makes it so believable.

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am, December 1 - 22. Each session includes a 20-minute video, followed by discussion and study.

There is a \$5 suggested donation for the study guide book. Questions? Talk to Michelle Hyman or Pastor Daniel.



MEMORIAL GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of:

Kathryn Cassmann

5 Banners for the sanctuary;
\$1,218.71 to the Elevator Fund by family &
friends.

Fred Nordmeyer

\$20.00 to the Prayer Shawl ministry by friends.



Mission Statement

St. Peter Lutheran Church

WELCOMES people into a
relationship with Jesus Christ
and His Church,
EQUIPS people with a faith that
works in daily life, and
SERVES in the world to make a
difference in Jesus’ Name.

December Worship Servants

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. - 1 Peter 4:10*

If you cannot serve when assigned, **please** trade places with someone else, then notify the Church Office. **Your help and partnership here really makes a difference!**

November 30 / December 1

Altar Guild: Rose Adelmund, Mary Brinkman

Communion Bread: Meredith & Bridget Shultz

6:00 Saturday, November 30

Ushers: Dawn Van Etten

Marilyn Steere

Lector: Sylvia Hawker

Communion: Jane Innes

8:30 Sunday, December 1

Ushers: Keith & Michelle Hyman

Jan Osier

Lector: Laurie Shultz

Communion: Jan Osier

11:00 Sunday, December 1

Ushers: Karen Almelien

Haley Freeseemann

Lector: Isaac Almelien

Communion: Jack Hanson

Media: Alex Almelien

December 7-8

6:00 Saturday, December 7

Ushers: Gene & Sandra Ross

Colton Chisholm

8:30 Sunday, December 8

Ushers: Dylan Clipperton

Brooke Trees

Connie Yerkes

Lector: Connie Yerkes

11:00 Sunday, December 8

Ushers: Ross Hawker

Emma Wedeking

Lector: Sarah Hawker

Communion: Lizzy Mathers

Media: Kirsten Hawker

December 14-15

Altar Guild: Rose Adelmund, Mary Brinkman

Communion Bread: Cheryle Arjes

6:00 Saturday, December 14

Ushers: Tim Brunner

Judy Steere

Lector: Les Johnson

Communion: LaVon Steere

8:30 Sunday, December 15

Ushers: Tara & Addasyn Spain

Kelly Hoodjer

Lector: Addasyn Spain

Communion: Cheryle Arjes

11:00 Sunday, December 15

Ushers: Meredith Shultz

Kris Dralle

Lector: David Crow

Communion: Erin Dralle

Media: Olivia Dralle

December 21-22

Communion Bread: Delores Adelmund

6:00 Saturday, December 21

Ushers: Andrea Gotto

Madison Ralls

Lector: Robin Ralls

8:30 Sunday, December 22

Ushers: John & Esther Backer

Shelby Gallagher

Lector: Mary Brinkman

11:00 Sunday, December 22

Ushers: Clayton Towsley

John Ebensberger

Lector: Chuck Thompson

Communion: Sydney Eiklenborg

Media: Reagan Mulder

December 28-29 (6:00 pm & 9:30 am): Volunteers Needed

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT WEDNESDAYS

(Dec. 4th, 11th, and 18th)

5:30 - Advent Meal

(Luther League serves on Dec. 4th only)

6:15 - Brief worship service

Following worship, we will have
confirmation class until 7:30 pm

No confirmation on Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st

Luther League Gathering Schedule for December

Dec. 1st - Decorating Church

Dec. 8th - Delivering Shut-in
Goody Baskets

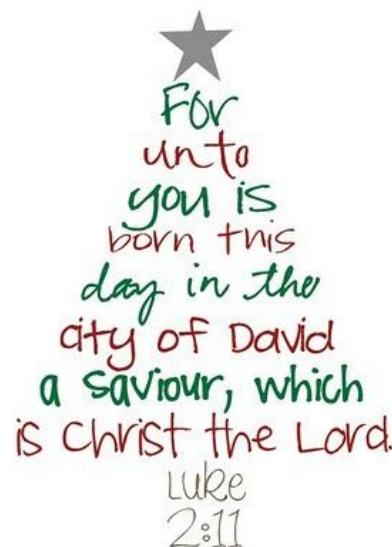
Dec. 15th - Christmas Fun!



12/1 - Christin Flucke

12/8 - Meredith Shultz

12/23 - Calvin Hanson



Jr. High will be hosting a Christmas party for the Sunday School kids on December 15th during the education hour. Plans will be made during Sunday School on Dec. 1st and 8th.



Can Sorting Schedule

Dec. 1st - Team Pastor

Nathan, Sean, Aidan, Owen

Dec. 15th - Team Christin

Lizzy, Madison R., Haily B., Rainy

Dec. 29th - Team Carrie

Sydney, Haley F., Maddy S., Brooke



There will be no
Jr. High or Luther
League meetings on
Dec. 22nd or Dec. 29th

Wishing you and your family
a very Merry Christmas
and we'll see you in 2020!

- Christin, Carrie,
Keith, and Sarah

DECEMBER 2019 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

Rehearing the Good News of Bethlehem Again

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Advent 1 Worship with Communion 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School Christmas Program Practice, Luther League, Advent Study 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion 11:45 am Christian Education meeting 2:00 pm - Community Christmas Cantata	2 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting	3	4 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Advent Worship 6:45 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation 7:30 pm Church Council meeting	5	6	7 6:00 pm Sunday School Christmas program
	8 8:30 am Advent 2 Worship 9:45 am Fellowship, Luther League, Advent Study, No Sunday School 9:45 am Personnel Committee meeting 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion	9	10 Senior Health Clinic	11 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Advent Worship 6:45 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	12 11:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle Holiday potluck	13
15 8:30 am Advent 3 Worship with Communion 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Luther League, Advent Study 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion Newsletter Items Due	16 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	17	18 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Advent Worship 6:45 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	19	20	21 6:00 pm Worship
22 8:30 am Advent 4 Worship No Sunday School or Luther League 9:45 am Fellowship, Advent Study 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion 2:00 pm - Valley View Devotions	23	24 Office Closed 6:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion	25 Office Closed 9:00 am Christmas Day Worship	26 Office Closed	27	28 6:00 pm Worship
29 9:30 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship No Sunday School, Luther League, Praise Worship	30	31 Office Closed			Altar Guild: Rose Adelmund, Mary Brinkman	Ushers and Lectors - See "Worship Servants" page for schedule.