

**St. Peter Lutheran Church**  
**Baptism of our Lord**  
 January 9, 2022  
 Service of Holy Communion

**ENDOWMENT FUND SUGGESTIONS**

The St. Peter Council invites you to make suggestions for recipients of our 2022 Endowment Trust Fund distributions. In keeping with the language of the purpose of the Endowment Fund, recipient organizations should be faith-based. Forms are on the table in the narthex and are due by January 10. Final decisions are made by the congregation at the Annual Meeting in January.

**PROPOSED SABBATICAL**

The Church Council is proposing a 12-week sabbatical for Pastor Ann, starting in May (after confirmation) and ending at the end of July. The sabbatical would be a time of rest and spiritual renewal for the pastor, as well as a time for her to study and discern what might be the future of our congregation. A copy of the sabbatical proposal is on the table by the entrance doors in the narthex.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

Copies of the 2021 Annual Report will be available on January 15-16 in the narthex. You may also request an e-copy to be sent to you. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We will send out an e-copy to everyone who already receives the weekly church email.

**OUTREACH NEWS**

**FUND FOR NEW MISSION PROJECTS**

See a need/outreach opportunity in your neighborhood? Consider applying for a Fund for New Mission Project grant. You can apply for up to \$100 for a one-time mission and \$250 to start a new outreach ministry/program. Remember—the goal is for you to be directly involved in the mission work. Forms are on the table in the narthex.

*Newsletter articles are due by 9 am on Wednesdays. Please contact the office to schedule any activities.*

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**Worship Schedule**

Saturday 5:30 pm  
 Sunday 8:00 am  
 10:30 am  
 9:15 am  
 Sunday school  
 September – May

*The 10:30 service is broadcast on WLKR 95.3 FM (wlkr.northcoastnow.com) and on Facebook Live).*

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

Thanksgiving for Baptism  
 Gathering Song #270  
 Greeting  
 Kyrie p. 184  
 Hymn of Praise p. 187  
 Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

Children’s Message  
 Readings Isaiah 43:1-7  
 Choir Anthem (10:30)

Psalm 29  
 Second Reading Acts 8:14-17  
 Gospel Acclamation p. 188

Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
 Sermon  
 Hymn of the Day #305

Rite of Holy Baptism (8:00)  
 Apostle’s Creed  
 Prayers of Intercession  
 Peace & Announcements

**MEAL**

Offering Song #678  
 Offering Prayer  
 Great Thanksgiving p. 190

Eucharistic Prayer & Lord’s Prayer  
 Distribution of Communion  
 Lamb of God (Sunday) p. 191

Communion Songs (Sunday) #800, 396  
 Table Blessing  
 Prayer after Communion

**SENDING**

Benediction  
 Sending Song #304  
 Dismissal

**Postlude**

**CALENDAR for January 9-16, 2022**

**SUNDAY-January 9: Baptism of our Lord**  
 8:00 am Holy Communion  
 9:15 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Holy Communion. FB Live, WLKR 95.3  
 1:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall  
 2:30 pm Battiste Family Concert-Sanctuary  
 4-6:00 pm Confirmation-Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY-January 10**  
 9-3:00 pm CDNS Large Motor-FH  
 11:30 am Chair Aerobics-Rm 206  
 6:30 pm Troop 208-Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 pm NAMI-Rm 206  
 7:00 pm Executive Committee-Rm 204  
 7:00 pm NA-Rm. 104

**TUESDAY-January 11**  
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts-RM 104  
 6-7:00 pm Pack 208-FH/Narthex  
 7:30 pm Choir-Balcony

**WEDNESDAY-January 12**  
 9-3:00 pm CDNS Chapel Time-Chapel  
 11:00 am Chair Aerobics-Rm 206  
 2:00 pm Audit Committee

**THURSDAY-January 13**  
 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study-Rm 206  
 7:00 pm Church Council-Rm 206

**FRIDAY-January 14**  
 7:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall

**SATURDAY- January 15**  
 9:00 am Walk & Talk-Sofios Park  
 5:30 pm Holy Communion-Sanctuary

**SUNDAY-January 16: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
 8:00 am Holy Communion  
 9:15 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Holy Communion. FB Live, WLKR 95.3  
 1:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall  
 3-4:00 pm Pack 208-Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 pm Pack 208 PALS-FH  
 6:30 pm Troop 208 Committee-Rm 206

## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES**

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, when we commemorate the Baptism of Our Lord, a time to remember and recommit ourselves to our own baptismal covenants. Epiphany means 'revelation' and the Epiphany season gospels remind us how Jesus was revealed as the Son of God. Today's service is on Facebook and on WLKR 95.3.

### **AT THE FONT**

At the 8 am service, we will welcome into our St. Peter family Knox Jaycob Emerick, infant son of Aimee Smith and Dylan Emerick. We rejoice at Knox's inclusion in the family of God and pray that we may be a blessing to him as he grows in faith and commitment to Christ. May God bless his parents with faithfulness and wisdom in their new responsibilities.

### **TODAY'S BULLETIN**

The bulletin for today's service is available on the St. Peter webpage (stpeter-elca.org). Click on Worship at the top, then Bulletin, then the date.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

In our prayers today we remember St. John Lutheran Church in Bellevue as they search for a pastor.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kathy McClendon in celebration of Ed McClendon's birthday.

December 26 flowers were given to the glory of God by Jo and Art Chaffee in celebration of the many blessings we received throughout 2021.

The 2022 flower calendar is up on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may sign up by calling Kathy or writing your name on the chart. This year the price is \$40.00. You may pick the flowers up before noon on Sundays or on Monday during office hours.

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

### **WORSHIP IN EPIPHANY**

The Epiphany season is long this year-8 weeks-and is bracketed by Epiphany Day (Jan. 6) when we commemorate the visit of the magi; the Baptism of Our Lord; and the Transfiguration (Feb 27).

## **CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **YEAR OF VISION**

Our Bishop has declared 2022 the Year of Vision. Our verse of the year is, "and the One who was seated on the throne said, See, I am making all things new". (Rev. 21:5a). For more information on the year of Vision, visit [www.nwos-elca.church](http://www.nwos-elca.church).

### **BATTISTE FAMILY CONCERT**

The Battiste Family invites you to join us for a concert of song on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in the sanctuary. The concert will include a combination of sacred and secular music - solos, duets, and

ensemble. This may be the last time all five of us are together in the area and we look forward to sharing the gift of music one more time. This concert will be live streamed on St. Peter Lutheran's Facebook page. We will be accompanied by Tiina Ruffing.

### **WALK & TALK RESUMES**

After a December hiatus, the Walk and Talk ministry has resumed at 9 am on Saturday, January 8 at Sofios Park. We meet at the shelter. Join us as we get some exercise and talk about life and faith issues. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

### **CHAIR AEROBICS**

Chair Aerobics will start Monday, January 3 at 11:30 am-12:30 pm in room 206, for free! Anyone is welcome to join us, come and bring a friend. We will meet Mondays and Wednesdays. Becky Parcher and Kathy Thompson will be leading the classes. Both have a BS in Physical Education and Health. We will spend time getting our heart rates up, stretching and doing some body toning. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

### **INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. PETER?**

Talk with Pastor Ann if you would like to join St. Peter or learn more about our congregation.

### **HOSPITAL VISITS**

If you are in the hospital and want the pastor to visit, please call the pastor at 419-602-9405. Thank you.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

### **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

If you chair a committee or are head of a ministry, please send your 2021 Annual Report to the church office by Monday, January 10. Thank you.

### **ANNUAL MEETING/LUNCH**

Prior to the Annual Meeting on January 23, the Fellowship Committee will provide lunch, following the 10:30 worship. This is NOT a potluck: the committee will prepare all the food. A freewill offering will be taken to defray the costs.

### **PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE**

The St. Peter Church Council is proposing a change to our By-laws on which we will vote at the Annual Meeting on January 23. The proposed By-law change pertains to establishing a congregational meeting in November or December to approve the budget for the following year and to elect Church Council members. This change would allow the new budget to be approved before it goes into effect and allow the Council to make committee assignments and elect officers earlier. Per the constitution, a copy of the proposed By-law change is available on the table in the narthex. If you have questions, you can speak with any Council member.