

St. Peter Lutheran Church

1st Sunday of Advent

November 27-28, 2021

Service of Holy Communion

ANGEL TREE TAGS

If you took a tag from the Angel Tree, please bring all gifts in by December 5.

WOMEN OF ST. PETER

Due to the holidays landing on the 4th Thursdays, the Evening Women's Bible Study will meet again January 27, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the D& D Winery. Our study will continue with Boldness in Teaching in the "I Am She" resource. Bring a friend, see you in the new year.

Day Women's Bible Study takes place on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:30 am in room 206. We are taking a look at the book of Ruth.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

St. Peter is updating and reforming a prayer chain group. If you are interested please fill out the flier in this weekends bulletin.

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

Sunday school 9:15 am

September – May

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

Prelude

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song #244

Greeting

Advent Litany

Prayer of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Advent Prayer

WORD

Children's Message

Readings Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10(Sat 8:00)

Choir Anthem (10:30)

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Sermon Pastor Phil Gardner

Hymn of the Day #266

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace & Announcements

MEAL

Offering Song (vs. 1 & 3)#681

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Lamb of God (Sunday) p. 135

Communion Songs (Sunday) #438, 247

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song #259

Dismissal

Postlude

CALENDAR for November 28-December 4, 2021

Sunday-November 28: 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:15 am Sunday School-FH

10:30 am Holy Communion. FB Live, WLKR 95.3

11:30 am Homecooked/Homebound-Kitchen

1:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall

4-6: pm Confirmation

MONDAY-November 29

9-3:00 pm CDNS Large Motor-FH

6:00 pm CDNSD Exec. Board-Rm 206

6:30 pm BSA Troop 208—Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm NA-Rm. 104

TUESDAY—November 30

6:00 pm Pack 208-Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm Senior Choir-Balcony

WEDNESDAY-December 1

9-3:00 pm CDNS Temple Time-Chapel

THURSDAY-December 2

6:00 pm Prayer Team-Narthex/Sanctuary

6:00 pm CDNS Board-Rm 206

7:00 pm Church Committees-Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm Stewardship Com.-Rm 206

FRIDAY-December 3

7:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY— December 4: Advent

5:30 pm Holy Communion

Sunday-December 5: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:15 am Sunday School-FH

10:30 am Holy Communion. FB Live, WLKR 95.3

1:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Our Advent theme is Hope, as we remember that Christ is the hope of all the earth. Our Liturgical Arts Team will work to build hope and anticipation with a 'growing' display of Advent materials.

WELCOME PASTOR PHIL

We welcome Pastor Phil Gardner as our worship leader this weekend while Pastor Ann enjoys some time off with family.

TODAY'S BULLETIN

An all-inclusive bulletin for the weekend services 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 Zion Lutheran Church in republic.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Nancy Robison & Larry Kiesel in thankfulness for the many blessings received.

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. We still have December 12, 2021 open.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

December 1, 8, 15, & 22—Advent midweek worship at 7 pm.

December 18-19—Children's Christmas Program at all services.

December 24—Worship be at 6 pm (outdoors). Candle Light Service at 8 pm and 11 pm in the sanctuary.

December 25—no 5:30 worship

December 26—Lessons & Carols at 10:30 only—no 8 am service

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

2020 and 2021 have been years of loss and grief for many of us. Not only have we lost loved ones to disease and age, but we have also often been unable to grieve them or ritualize their deaths in the usual way. Blue Christmas is a service where we remember our loved ones—both those newly-lost and those who are long gone. We give thanks for their lives, their love, and their impact upon us; and we re-commend them to God's gracious keeping. Join us on Sunday, December 19 at 2 pm for a time of prayer, worship, and reflection.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

We will offer an outdoor worship service at 6 pm on Christmas Eve. You can worship around one of the firepits or remain in your car and listen to the service through the FM transmitter. Please bring your candles/cell phone lights to use during the singing of "Silent Night."

There will be traditional Christmas Eve worship at 8 pm and 11 pm, with candlelight, Holy Communion, favorite carols, and the senior choir. All are welcome.

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

GROWING IN GENEROSITY

THANK YOU for participating in the Growing in Generosity stewardship campaign. If you have not submitted your Intent Card, you can do so at any time before the end of the year. Mail it, email it, or drop it off in the church office.

Several of you expressed the opinion that your giving is between you and God. We agree. That is why no one sees your Intent Card except our office administrator, Kathy, who is the same person who enters your offerings each week and sends out your year-end statements. The purpose of the Intent Card is NOT to pry into anyone's financial commitment, but to encourage each of us to make a commitment to our church. Putting an intent or commitment in writing is a tangible way to show our commitment to God's mission at St. Peter. So if you were concerned about people knowing your pledge amount, fear not! All Intent Cards are confidential.

ADVENT GENEROSITY GIVING FOR THE BLESSING BOX

During Advent the Concerns Committee is encouraging everyone to purchase something extra for the Blessing Box. Each week we have suggestions for items to help our neighbors in need have a brighter holiday.

Week 1: Hygiene and toiletries-shampoo, soap, body wash, etc.

Week 2: Cleaning products-laundry soap, dish detergent, cleaning supplies

Week 3: Items for a Holiday meal-stuffing mix, instant potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, canned ham, etc.

Week 4: Holiday baking goods and treats-cookie mixes, cake and frosting, holiday treats (pre packaged)

Items can be placed directly into the Blessing Box or dropped off in the Collection Center.

MITTEN, SCARF, AND HAT TREE

The Concerns Committee will once again be collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves during the month of December. Look for the "tree" in the Narthex. Items can be clipped to the tree. These items will be donated to local charities.

YOUTH

December 11: Game Night. 7 pm. Bring your favorite game. Friends are welcome.

December 26: Youth Group Meeting. 6 pm. Devotions, fun, food, and planning for 2022!

Thank all of you who helped and or donated items for the rummage sale. We raised \$900.

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.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Annual Meeting for 2022 will be held on Sunday, January 23 at 1 pm in the main sanctuary. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend. Annual Reports will be available by January 15.