

**St. Peter Lutheran Church**  
**1st Sunday of Christmas**  
 December 26, 2021  
 Service of Lesson & Carols

**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.

**OUTREACH NEWS**

**END-OF-YEAR SYNOD APPEAL**

The Northwestern Ohio Synod's Year of Generosity is ending with an appeal for donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. In 2020, LDR was active in 46 states and territories of the U.S. and in 53 countries worldwide. The Synod is endeavoring to raise \$100,000 from Northwestern Ohio Lutheran churches and members. You can donate at <https://nwos-elca.church/year/>, or make your check payable to St. Peter and mark it for LDR. Thank you!

**MITTEN, SCARF, AND HAT TREE**

The Concerns Committee is collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves through January 5. Look for the "tree" in the Narthex. Items can be clipped to the tree. These items will be donated to local charities.

**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*

CDNS 419-668-2856 x.2  
 CDNS Director Michelle Schaffer

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

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

Welcome  
 Gathering Song #288  
 Dialogue  
 Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

Children's Message  
 Reading Isaiah 9:2-7  
 Carol #272  
 Reading Micah 5:2-5a  
 Carol #279  
 Reading Luke 1:26-35, 38  
 Carol #265  
 Reading Luke 2:1-7  
 Carol #276  
 Reading Luke 2:8-16  
 Carol #275  
 Reading Luke 2:21-35  
 Carol #292  
 Reading Matthew 2:1-11  
 Carol #300  
 Reading Matthew 2:13-18  
 Carol #296  
 Reading John 1:1-14  
 Carol #253  
 Peace

**Announcements**

**RESPONSE**

Prayers of Intercession  
 Lord's Prayer  
 Benediction  
 Sending Song #290  
 Dismissal

**Postlude**

**CALENDAR for**  
**December 26, 2021-January 2, 2022**

**SUNDAY-December 26: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

8:00 am No Worship  
 9:15 am No Sunday School  
 10:30 am Lessons & Carols, FB Live, WLKR 95.3  
 11:30 am Homecooked/Homebound-Kitchen  
 1:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY-December 27**

Church Office Closed.  
 7:00 pm NA-Rm. 104

**TUESDAY-December 28**

No scheduled activities.

**WEDNESDAY-December 29**

No scheduled activities.

**THURSDAY-December 30**

No scheduled activities.

**FRIDAY-December 31**

7:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall

**SATURDAY- January 1:**

5:30 pm Holy Communion-Sanctuary

**SUNDAY-January 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

8:00 am Holy Communion  
 9:15 am No Sunday School  
 10:30 am Holy Communion. FB Live, WLKR 95.3  
 1:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall  
 3-5:00 pm Pack 208-Fellowship Hall

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

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Today is the 1st Sunday of Christmas. Christmas lasts 12 days. It is the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, the three wise men. It begins on December 25 (Christmas) and runs through January 6 (Epiphany). Today's service is on Facebook and on WLKR 95.3.

### **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.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

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 JANUARY**

January 1-2—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas; full weekend worship schedule

January 6—Epiphany, commemorating the visit of the Magi

January 8-9—Baptism of Our Lord

## **CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **END OF YEAR GIFTS**

All end of year monetary donations/checks need to be into the church office by Thursday, December 30 at noon to be counted for 2021.

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed Monday, December 27.

### **WALK & TALK RESUMES**

After a December hiatus, the Walk and Talk ministry will resume at 9 am on Saturday, January 8 at 9 am 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.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl ministry group will meet on Saturday, January 8 at 10 am. All knitters and crocheters are welcome! If you would like to know more, speak with the pastor.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES**

Sunday school for all ages resumes on January 9 at 9:15. Please join us!

### **GROWING IN GENEROSITY UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who returned an Intent Card for our 2021 Stewardship Campaign, Growing in Generosity. 60 Intent Cards were completed, a 50% increase over the last time we

asked for pledge cards. Of the 60 Intent Cards, 50% included an increase in generosity for 2022. That's a wonderful trend! We know many more of you will continue to support St. Peter even without an Intent Card and we give thanks to God for your continuing generosity.

### **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 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.

### **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.

### **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.