

**THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES**

**THE FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by Karen Hoffman and family in honor of Gus Hoffman's birthday on December 3. Happy Birthday Gus!

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

In our prayers today we remember Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia and their pastor Katie Suggitt.

**ADVENT FESTIVAL**

The Advent Festival is today in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for games, crafts, and storytelling the entire family will enjoy. Lunch will be provided. The event runs from noon until 2:00pm.

**FROM BISHOP BEAUDOIN**

Our Year of Prayer memory verse is Philippians 4:6 *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* For more resources on the Year of Prayer, go to [www.nwos-elca.church](http://www.nwos-elca.church).

**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

**ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP**

The first Advent Midweek worship will be this Wednesday, December 5. Worship will be at noon in the chapel, followed by lunch; and at 7 pm in the sanctuary (no food). Our theme is "Celebrating Advent with the Saints." WE STILL NEED PEOPLE TO PREPARE THE LUNCH FOR THIS WEDNESDAY. Please sign up if you are able to help.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

Celebrate the birth of Christ with your brothers and sisters at St. Peter. There will be three opportunities to worship on Christmas Eve. The 4 pm service will be family friendly, with an extended children's message. The 7 & 11 pm services will be traditional worship featuring the Senior Choir and the Celebration Ringers. All services will include favorite hymns, candlelight, and Holy Communion. Invite your friends and family to join us.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

The holidays can be difficult for those who are grieving. If you are among the bereaved, please join us for a Blue Christmas worship on Sunday, December 16 at 3 pm in the main sanctuary. We will pray together, light candles for our loved ones, and hear words of comfort to help us in these days. All are welcome.

**FAMILIES CELEBRATE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

This year the Music & Worship and Fellowship Committees are working together to make the journey through Advent and Christmas. We have cards available that feature a ritual,

prayer, reflection or activities for families with kids ages 3-12. The cards are dated for use each day from the first Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018) to the Day of Epiphany (January 6, 2018). The cards are on the table in the narthex and are limited to one per family please.

**OUTREACH NEWS**

**CHRISTMAS MEAL BASKETS**

This is the final week to contribute cake mix and frosting to the Salvation Army's Christmas Meal Baskets. If you'd like to support this cause, items can be placed in the display in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Once again, we are in need of hand towels, bars of soap, and baby socks for our baby kits. Please place the items in the basket by the elevator. Thank you for all your support!!

**CHURCH NEWS**

**THANK YOU**

The Property Committee would like to thank everyone who worked on developing the LED Sign proposal to present to the congregation. A lot of hard work and time was put into the proposal. We would also like to thank the congregation for voting "yes" to move forward with the sign project.

**CANIDATES SOUGHT**

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to run for Church Council. Terms are three years and commence in February 2019. Anyone interested in submitting their name or another's (with their permission), please speak with the pastor.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Today is the final day to place your order for poinsettias. You can either purchase a white poinsettia for the chancel or make a donation to a hunger ministry. The names of all donors will be included in the Christmas bulletins.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE DAY**

Christian Service Day will meet on December 12th at 9 a.m. We will have a work session and then attend the Advent Service at noon. All are welcome to attend.

**STEWARDSHIP**

In today's bulletin we have another copy of the individual Stewardship survey for the coming year. Have you filled one out? If not, please take time to do so now and place it in the offering plate. The Stewardship Committee hopes all the members of St. Peter will be willing to fill out the survey so we have a list of who is would help with various needs of St. Peter and the world. Have you considered your financial support of St. Peter for the coming year? A number of options for giving were listed. Envelopes, electronic giving

through TITHE.ly phone app, through your local bank by electronic payment or just plain old cash. December 9 Melissa Carpenter will present a program of how to use your bank's electronic payment option between services at 9:30 a.m. All who are interested are encouraged to attend. You can easily sign up at Tithe.ly on your phone by downloading the app from the Google play store or on your computer also, simply enter [www.tithe.ly](http://www.tithe.ly) and follow the instructions. You can also give from the St. Peter website.

### COOKIE FUNDRAISER

As we draw nearer to Christmas, the Youth Group is gearing up for our Annual Cookie Fundraiser to take place on December 16. But in order to do so, we need your help! If you are able and willing, please stop by the youth board and grab a tag with an ingredient on it. Then bring your donated item back to the Church by December 13. Thank you for continuing to support our youths!

### PASTOR ANN'S BLOG

Check out Pastor Ann's blog on St. Peter's website: <https://www.stpeter-elca.org>. You can sign up to follow the blog and new articles will be delivered to your email as soon as they are posted.

### HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want the pastor to visit you, call the church office or the pastor's cell phone (419-602-9405). Please do not rely on the hospital to notify her.

### MONTHLY REPORTS

You will find all the year-to-date monthly reports in the narthex. This will include committee, council, CDNS and financial reports.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY – DECEMBER 2

#### \*Advent Begins\*

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Advent Festival – Fellowship Hall  
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

### MONDAY – DECEMBER 3

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

### TUESDAY – DECEMBER 4

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Bell Choir – Room 206  
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir – Balcony

### WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 5

12:00 p.m. Advent Worship – Chapel  
12:45 p.m. Advent Lunch – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship - Sanctuary

### THURSDAY – DECEMBER 6

7:30 p.m. Committees Meeting – Fellowship Hall

### FRIDAY – DECEMBER 7

4:00 p.m. Stampede of Dreams - Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

### SATURDAY – DECEMBER 8

8:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Narthex  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Chapel

### NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 p.m. Electronic Giving Class - Narthex  
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room  
2:00 p.m. Stein Hospice Setup – Fellowship Hall  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Room 206  
4:30 p.m. Stein Hospice Worship - Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth – Youth Room

*Announcements are due by noon on Wednesday.*

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#### Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.