

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

THE FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by Gary and Mary Bauer in honor of their children's wedding anniversaries in 2018. Wendy & Chad Reeves 26 years, Scott & Jill Bauer 21 years and Robyn & Eric Rogers 10 years.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember Lutheran Social Services of Northwest Ohio.

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

The second Advent Midweek worship will be this Wednesday, December 12. 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." This week we will be learning about Sts. Ambrose and Lucy.

ADVENT NATIVITY DISPLAY

During Advent and Christmas, the Liturgical Arts Team will have a nativity display in the gathering space. Do you have a favorite or unique nativity set you would like to share with the congregation? Please contact Vickie Hemenway at (419) 663-4011. This week in the display case you can view some of Vickie's global nativity sets.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP LEADERS

If you are willing to serve as an usher or communion assistant for one of the three Christmas Eve worship services, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board by the office. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

2019 YEAR OF SCRIPTURE

Northwestern Ohio bishop Daniel Beaudoin has designated 2019 as the Year of Scripture. He is encouraging all members of our synod to join together in a Read Through the Bible in a Year initiative. Starting on January 1, we will read approximately 3 chapters a day. A copy of the reading schedule will be available later this month. An e-copy of the schedule and other electronic resources will also be available at the synod website: www.nwos-elca.church.

OUTREACH NEWS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Concerns Committee would like to thank everyone who packed a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. A total of 76 boxes were packed by St. Peter. We pray that they will bring joy to a child this Christmas.

MITTEN TREE & COAT COLLECTION

The Concerns Committee is collecting gently used winter coats and new hats, gloves, and scarves for The Salvation Army through January 6. If you'd like to support this cause, coats can be hung on the marked coat rack in the Narthex. Gloves, hats, and scarves can be added to the Mitten Tree. 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

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This year's children's Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 16th at the 10:30 a.m. service. Parents, please make sure to have the children here at 9:15 a.m.

THANK YOU

Annabelle Hespeler and family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers with the recent loss of Fred Hespeler.

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.

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

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 and follow the instructions. You can also give from the St. Peter website.

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN/COOKIE FUNDRAISER

The Youth Group is invited to participate in a Lock-In on Friday, December 14th, beginning at 8:15 p.m. If you are planning to attend, please fill out a permission form and return it to Leslie. Following the lock-in, all youth group members may join in cookie baking for our annual Cookie Fundraiser on Saturday, December 15th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Breakfast will be provided.) Since this is Leslie's first year with cookie baking, she is in NEED of parents/members to help prep the cookie dough/buckeyes on Thursday, the 13th, from 4-6 PM. Please let her know if you can help out! As always, thank you for your support of our Youth Group!

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The 10:30 Sunday Service is always broadcast live on WLKR 95.3

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY – DECEMBER 10

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

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 11

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

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 12

9:00 a.m. Christian Service Day – Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. Advent Worship – Chapel
12:45 p.m. Advent Lunch – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship - Sanctuary

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 13

7:30 p.m. Church Council – Room 206

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 14

4:30 p.m. Daisy Troop - Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 50010 – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
8:15 p.m. Youth Lock-In - Church

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 15

8:00 a.m. Cookie Fundraiser – Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Christmas Tree set-up
5:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 16

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Christmas Program - Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
3:00 p.m. Blue Christmas - Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Committee – Room 206

*Announcements are due by noon on Wednesday.
Room assignments are made by Pastor Ann and Marty*