

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Service of Holy Communion
Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness
 Gathering Song #244
 Greeting
 Litany (5:30)
 Kyrie (Sun)
 Advent Candle Prayer
 Lighting of Advent Candle #260 v. 1&2
 Prayer of the Day
 Bell Choir (Sun)
 Children's Message (Sun)

WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:1-10 (5:30 & 8:00)
 Senior Choir Anthem (10:30)
 Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 Gospel Luke 21:25-36
 Sermon Pastor Cathy Schibler
 Hymn of the Day #436
 Nicene Creed
 Prayers of Intercession
 Peace & Announcements

MEAL

Offering Song #247
 Offering Prayer
 Great Thanksgiving
 Sanctus (Sun)
 Eucharistic Prayer
 Lord's Prayer
 Distribution (5:30)
 Communion Hymns (Sun) p.191, #715, #249
 Table Blessing
 Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Benediction
 Sending Song #248
 Dismissal

Postlude

CALENDAR – Week of Dec. 1st, 2024

SUNDAY – Dec. 1 – First Sunday of Advent

8:00am - Holy Communion-Sanctuary
 9:15am – Adult Sunday School – Chapel
 9:15am - Youth Sunday School-FH/Lounge
 10:30am - Holy Communion-Sanctuary
 1:00pm – NA - Fellowship Hall
 6:00pm – Girl Scouts - FH

Monday – Dec. 2

11:30am – Chair Aerobics - FH
 7:00pm - Pet Pals – FH
 7:00pm – Boy Scouts – RM 206

Tuesday – Dec. 3

4:00pm – Liturgy Communications Meeting - Narthex
 6:15pm – Bell Choir – RM 206
 6:30pm – Cub Scouts - FH
 7:30pm – Senior Choir

Wednesday – Dec. 4

11:30am – Chair Aerobics – FH
 7:00pm – Advent Midweek Worship - Sanctuary

Thursday – Dec. 5

6:00pm –Women's Bible Study-Hemenway Residence
 7:00pm – Church Committees - FH

Friday – Dec. 6

7:00pm – NA – FH
 6:00pm – Christmas Spectacular at Fairgrounds

**Saturday – Dec. 7 – Second Sunday of Advent
 Nametag/Refreshment Weekend**

5:30pm – Holy Communion – Sanctuary
 6:00pm – Christmas Spectacular at Fairgrounds

**Sunday – Dec. 8 – Second Sunday of Advent
 Nametag/Refreshment Weekend**

8:00am – Holy Communion - Sanctuary
 9:15am – Adult Sunday School – Chapel
 9:15am - Youth Sunday School-FH/Lounge
 10:30am – Holy Communion – Sanctuary
 11:30am – Special Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
 1:00pm – NA – Fellowship Hall
 4:00pm – Confirmation – FH
 6:30pm – Pack Leaders - FH

Our Mission: Making Christ known by loving and serving others
Our Vision: A community where faith is formed and all people are loved,
cared for, and valued as children of God
Our Core Values: Teaching, Learning, & Sharing Jesus:
Children, Youth, Families; Quality Worship; Sharing Our Resources

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP

TODAY'S WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome Pastor Cathy Schibler! This weekend, we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent! The 10:30am service is broadcast on WLKR 95.3 and can be viewed on our Facebook page.

TODAY'S BULLETIN

Today's bulletin is available on the St. Peter webpage (stpeter-elca.org). Click on "Quick Links" at the bottom of the homepage, and then "script" or "bulletin".

IN OUR PRAYERS

Today we pray for Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia as they search for a new pastor. We also pray for our church during this time of vacancy, as we search for a new pastor.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers were given in honor of our members of St. Peter Lutheran Church. **There are still dates available for December.** Please sign up for the date you would like and designate the occasion for the remaining dates of 2024 and for 2025. The price is \$40.00. Flowers may be picked up before noon on Sunday or Monday during office hours.

ALTAR GUILD

This month's Altar Guild servants are Michelle Schaffer and Beth Horvatch.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Advent is a season of preparing for the birth of Christ. It is a season to gradually move towards Christmas. The Liturgical Arts team will reflect this in our Advent displays. We will gradually add decor over the four Sundays of Advent. Don't be surprised if we put up the Advent trees but wait to turn on the lights.

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent devotionals are available in the narthex. Some are specific for families and seniors. Please help yourself to a copy. (one per family, please). Also, please help yourself to a calendar.

CHAIR AEROBICS

Chair aerobics will be held every Monday and Wednesday at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Bell Choir rehearsal will be every Tuesday at 6:15pm. Senior Choir rehearsal will be held every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Advent at 7:00pm for our Advent Midweek Worship. Pastor Phil will lead us on our Advent journey, with the theme being "Fear Not!".

BIBLE STUDIES

The next Women's Daytime Bible Study will meet Thurs., Dec. 12th at 9:30am in the library.

The next Men's Bible Study will meet Sat., Dec. 14th at 8:00am in the narthex.

The next Women's Evening Bible Study will be Thursday, Dec. 5th at 6:00pm at Vickie Hemenway's house located at 191 W. Main Street. Please bring your favorite savory or sweet holiday appetizer. Drinks will be provided. Vickie will be leading an advent devotion. Please note the change in date and time due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Once again, St. Peter's will participate in the Norwalk Jaycees Christmas Spectacular at the Huron County Fairgrounds on Dec. 6 & 7 from 6pm-9pm. We have a beautiful display planned which will include spotlighted trees. Weather permitting, set-up will be today, Dec. 1st at 1pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex with your phone number. We will call you if the date changes.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Time to order Christmas poinsettias! Please use the form in the bulletin or on the table in the narthex. Orders are due TODAY, Dec. 1st.

OUTREACH

BLESSING BOX

During the holiday month of December, please consider donations of holiday meal items for the Blessing Box. Stuffing mixes, boxed mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, and cookie/dessert mixes are appreciated. Donations can be put directly into the Blessing Box or in the green bins in the collection area in the narthex.

FUND FOR NEW MISSION PROJECTS

See a need/outreach opportunity in your neighborhood? Consider applying for a Fund for New Mission Project grant. One 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 one to be directly involved in the mission work. Forms are on the table in the narthex.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Calling all knitters and crocheters! The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am-11am in the library. We will **not** meet on Dec. 14th, but we will resume on Jan. 11th. Anyone who currently works with yarn or who would like to learn is welcome to attend. Although our main focus is making prayer shawls, anyone who is creating a project (lap blankets afghan, slippers, chemo caps, baby outfits) for another person or organization is welcome to join us. Questions can be directed to Vickie Hemenway at 419-681-0622.

INSPIRATION STATION

If you are interested in helping children, teachers, schools and our community, tutor volunteers are needed for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. Tutors are needed for one hour a day (5pm-6pm) one day a week, Mon-Thurs) during the school year. For more information, visit www.nld.org/inspiration-station or call or text Bob Sands at 419-543-0773 if interested.

Report through October 2024 Month End /Year to Date

Total Income for Budgeted Expenses	\$286,078.04
Total Expenses for Budgeted Expenses	\$292,539.82
Income below Expenses	\$ 6,461.78

Through the end of October, we have spent \$6,461.78 more than we have received. Our giving is continuing to slow down. The deficit is not increasing though, because our payroll expenses are lower since Pastor Ann retired. Please continue your generous giving since we still need your support if we are to maintain the ministries of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ATTENDANCE FOR NOV. 23-24

22 (Sat), 40 (8:00), 70 (10:30), with 244 views on Facebook.

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

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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30pm

Sunday School 9:15am
September—May