

**ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Dec. 7 – Dec. 8, 2024      Second Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

Confession and Forgiveness  
 Gathering Song #246  
 Greeting  
 Litany (5:30)  
 Kyrie (Sun)  
 Advent Candle Prayer  
 Lighting of Advent Candle #260 v. 1&3  
 Prayer of the Day  
 Children's Message (Sun)

**WORD**

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4  
 Psalm (5:30 & 8:00) Luke 1:68-79  
 Senior Choir Anthem (10:30)  
 Second Reading (Sun) Philippians 1:3-11  
 Gospel Luke 3:1-6  
 Sermon Pastor Cathy Schibler  
 Hymn of the Day #264  
 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, #241, #253  
 Table Blessing  
 Prayer After Communion

**SENDING**

Benediction  
 Sending Song #239  
 Dismissal

**Postlude**

**CALENDAR – Week of Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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

**Monday – Dec. 9**

11:30am – Chair Aerobics – FH  
 6:30am – NAMI – RM 206  
 7:00pm - Pet Pals – FH  
 7:00pm – Boy Scouts – RM 104  
 7:00pm – Executive Committee – RM 204  
 7:00pm – Dartball - FH

**Tuesday – Dec. 10**

6:15pm – Bell Choir – RM 206  
 6:30pm – Cub Scouts - FH  
 7:30pm – Senior Choir

**Wednesday – Dec. 11**

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

**Thursday – Dec. 12**

9:30am –Women's Bible Study – RM 206  
 7:00pm – Church Council – RM 206

**Friday – Dec. 13**

7:00pm – NA – FH

**Saturday – Dec. 14 – Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00am – Men's Bible Study – Narthex  
 12:00pm – Jesus' Birthday Party - FH  
 5:30pm – Holy Communion – Sanctuary

**Sunday – Dec. 15 – Third 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  
                   (Children's Christmas Program)  
 1:00pm – NA – Fellowship Hall  
 2:00pm -Blue Christmas Service (Facebook Live only)  
 2:30pm – Pals Committee – FH  
 6:00pm – Girl Scouts (parking lot only)  
 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 second 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 Zion Lutheran Church in Sandusky and Pastor Michael Conklin. 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 by Russ and Megan Culler in honor of Viola's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please sign up on the 2025 calendar in the narthex that you would like and designate the occasion if you are interested in dedicating the altar flowers. 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 Horvatich.

### **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!

#### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am with Holy Communion Service to follow.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

We are in need of worship assistants for all three Christmas Eve services. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are able to volunteer. An outdoor worship service will be held at 6:00pm and candlelight worship at 8:00pm and 11:00pm in the sanctuary. Also, we are looking for a

wagon or a good-sized trailer to use for our outdoor Christmas Eve service at 6:00pm. If you have one or know of someone that can help us with this, please contact Michelle Schaffer at 419-706-8732. We are also looking for fire pits to borrow, and we will supply the wood. Thank you!

### **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

A Service of Remembrance for those who grieve will be broadcast live on Facebook only on Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

### **ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP**

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

### **DIGITAL PIANO UPDATE**

Thank you!!! The new Kawai digital piano has been ordered thanks to the generous giving of the congregation and the matching gift from the Ebert Family. Your support is truly amazing! It will take a couple of weeks, but there is a chance that we will have it by Christmas. It will be wonderful to have an instrument that is always in tune!

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

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

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

The next Women's Evening Bible Study date is TBD.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10am-11am in the library. We will **not** meet on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, but we will resume on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. 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, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.nld.org/inspiration-station) or call or text Bob Sands at 419-543-0773 if interested.

## Report through November 2024 Month End /Year to Date

Total Income for Budgeted Expenses	\$309,171.26
Total Expenses for Budgeted Expenses	\$314,513.93
Income <b>below</b> Expenses	\$ 5,342.67

Through the end of November, we have spent \$5,342.67 more than we have received. Our giving is at a level similar to 2023. The deficit went down a bit this month, but this is because our payroll expenses are now lower due to the payroll arrangements we have with Pastor Cathy and Pastor Phil. Please continue your generous giving as we finish the year.

### ATTENDANCE FOR NOV. 30 & DEC. 1

19 (Sat), 41 (8:00), 75 (10:30), with 513 views on Facebook.

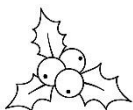
**Newsletter articles are due by 9am on Wednesdays. Please contact the office to schedule any activities. Thank you!**

### CONTACT US:

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**\*\*\* If you have a Pastoral emergency, please call our Church Council President, Gloria Setzler and she will get back with you as soon as possible: 843-368-9427 \*\*\***

**NOTE: The Church Office will be closed for the holiday December 24-27 and January 1<sup>st</sup>. Just a reminder, the office is closed on Friday's.**



CDNS	419-668-2856 ext. 2
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Website	<a href="http://stpeter-elca.org">stpeter-elca.org</a>
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### Worship Schedule

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

Sunday School	9:15am September—May
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