

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Built on the Rock of Jesus Christ



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January 2025

From the Pastor: **Luke 2:40** *“And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him.”*

Hey, Christmas is over, right? Christmas Day is one of the greatest days we look forward to. That day is right up there with a birthday, anniversary or other special holiday. The presents, the parties, the great food and yes, even new underwear.

On Christmas Day we received the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. We sometimes take the day only into consideration and not the whole season. We have to go back to work and school. The decorations come down, at least on most houses. And we begin to plug along into our lives as we normally do. But what we can't forget is that the birth of our Lord and Savior was a gift that lasts for all eternity. The new baby, sent by God to save us from our sins has come. Our lives may go on normally but look at Mary and Joseph for a minute.

Mary and Joseph's life had a very interesting beginning. They had all kinds of events and changes happen to their little family. I'm sure that the future was not easy for this new family. But we can't lose sight of the “reason for the season.” Jesus was to be born so that He could die for the sins of all people. We are thankful that Jesus grew up. Luke says that the child grew up and became strong. A strong and mighty Savior who is Christ our Lord.

As we continue on throughout this Christmas season into Epiphany we are reminded of the gifts from our family and friends. We are reminded of the good times and the difficult times as well. But we can look back to the humble birth of the baby and look forward to what is coming next. The season of Lent and the eventual death and resurrection of our Lord, for us.

I pray that God be with you these coming months. And be reminded that “He will be called Immanuel, God with us.” The Lord is with us through it all.

In His Service,



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 9a– Mission of Love 7:30p– Church Council	3 Pastor's Day off	4 10a– Tree Takedown
5 830a-SS/ABC 930a– Worship BoCE Mtg	6 Pastor gone 	7	8 <i>Pastor at Chanute</i> 6p– Midweek/ Youth Group 715p– Elders	9 9a– Mission of Love 5p– Men's/ Women's BS	10 Pastor's Day off	11
12 830a-SS/ABC 930a– Worship 11a-Voter's Mtg.	13	14 930a-Cares/ Concerns Mtg.	15 <i>Pastor at Chanute</i> 6p– Midweek/ Youth Group	16 9a– Mission of Love 5p– Men's/ Women's BS	17 Pastor's Day off	18
19 830a-SS/ABC 930a– Worship	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 930a– Winkel (Pittsburg)	22 <i>Pastor at Chanute</i> 6p– Midweek/ Youth Group	23 9a– Mission of Love 5p– Men's/ Women's BS	24 Pastor's Day off	25
26 830a-SS/ABC 930a– Worship 7p– Comm. worship (Methodist)	27	28	29 <i>Pastor at Chanute</i> 6p– Midweek/ Youth Group	30 9a– Mission of Love 5p– Men's/ Women's BS	31 Pastor's Day off	



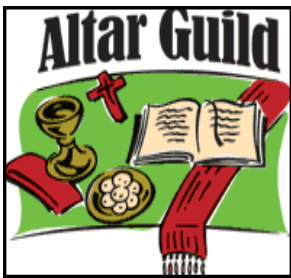
Who's Preaching?

January 5– Pastor Jennings
Elder– Ken Lumley

January 12– Pastor Jennings
Elder– Ken Lumley

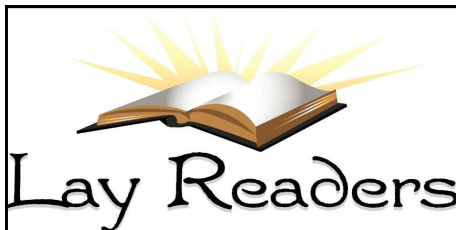
January 19– Pastor Jennings
Elder– Ken Lumley

January 26– Pastor Jennings
Elder– Ken Lumley

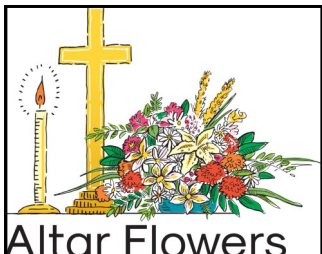


Pastor Don/
Dodie Copley

Divine Service Settings
January 5- DS3
January 12– Hymn Sing
January 19– DS3
January 26– DS3



January 5– Bret Hauser
January 12– Darrell Krone
January 19– Joan Perez
January 26– Open



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January 12– Open
January 19– Open
January 26– Open

+ Christian Symbol +



NOAH'S ARK

The image of an ark, or boat — often shown with pairs of animals — recalls the story of Noah and the “Great Flood” in Genesis. The floodwaters represent God’s judgment on sin, while the ark reminds us of his gracious power to save and redeem. In this account, Christians see a foreshadowing of our baptism into Christ: “And baptism, which [God’s rescue of Noah and his family] prefigured, now saves you ...” (1 Peter 3:21, NRSV).



Please keep the following families in your prayers:

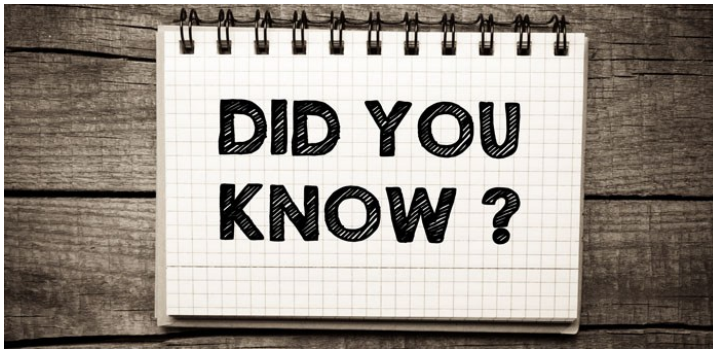
January 5
Davidson, Ernie/Wanda
DeBacker, Norma

January 12
Debler, Bob/Renee
Downey, Charles/Joan

January 19
Eggers, Henry/Sandi
Frevort, Tim/Kecia

January 26
Fugitt, Doris
Galloway, Daniel/Audrey

We are asking you to include in your prayers 2 families each week from our membership list. We continue to pray for each individual for their birthday, baptismal birthday and anniversary on Sunday mornings.



QUESTION: How do Lutherans understand church and state?

ANSWER: Lutherans distinguish between two realms, or “kingdoms.” The right-hand realm, often referred to as the spiritual realm or heavenly kingdom, has primarily to do with the gospel, faith, and the ministry of the church, such as preaching and the sacraments. The left-hand realm, often identified as the civil sphere or earthly kingdom, has primarily to do with earthly laws, rulers, government, economics, and the like. There are times when the two realms do overlap, such as in the case of abortion (a Scriptural matter legislated by the state) or religious freedom (a federal law with implications for the worship of the church).

While Christians live in both realms, they must not mistake them for one another or confuse them. We should not, for example, present our personal political opinions and views as if they were mandated by God in Scripture unless they clearly and expressly are, such as in the cases of marriage or abortion.

www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/worship-and-congregational-life#lutherans-church-state

Hopes great and small

“The Christian lives with three hopes, two great and one small,” writes Bryan Wolfmueller. In his “Wednesday What-Not” blog, the pastor explains: “Our first great hope is in Christ our Redeemer, whose death and resurrection are our forgiveness, life, salvation and great hope. Our second great hope is in Christ the King returning soon to judge the living [and] the dead, and establish the new heaven and earth where the righteous dwell. This is our hope for the resurrection and the life of the world to come.”

Amazingly, there’s more! “Sandwiched between these two great hopes is our small hope, our lesser hope, our hope for tomorrow, our hope that we might begin to love and serve our neighbor, and do some little something to bless the people around us,” Wolfmueller continues. “This is the hope that energizes our vocations, that motivates our love, and that is the reason we make New Year’s resolutions. We hope that we might do something a little bit better tomorrow than we did yesterday.”

The pastor concludes, “If this was our only hope, it would be despair. But sandwiched between the love of Christ and the joy of the resurrection, this little hope is wonderful, and certainly not to be despised.”



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



Wednesday Midweek Christian Education, for preschool to 8th grade begins at 6pm with an opening, followed by classroom instructions, and ends with a closing at 6:55pm.

It's not too late to join in!



Sunday School begins at 8:30AM. We offer classes for children pre-school to High School. We'd love to have you join us.

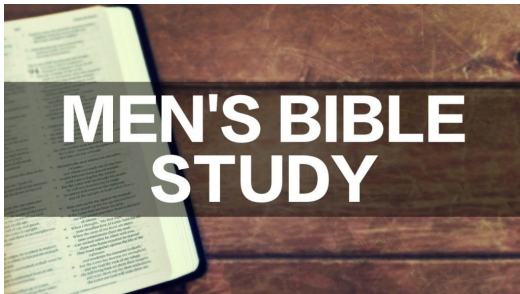


Sunday January 5, 2025



Wednesday January 8, 2025 at 7:30pm.

An Adult Bible Class
The class is held in the Sanctuary.
Sundays at 8:30AM



Men's Bible Study:
The men's Bible study group meets on Thursdays at 5pm in the narthex. It will resume on **January 9, 2025**. We are studying Old Testament. We'd love you to join us!

Women's Bible Study:
The women's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 5pm in the Sunday School room upstairs. It will resume on **January 9, 2025**.



Thursday January 2, 2025 at 7:30pm.



He will be attending a Pre-Lent Conference for the Kansas District of the LCMS in Lawrence on Jan. 6-7, 2025.



Sunday January 12, 2025 at 11am.

CHURCH REPORTS



Education

We extend a very BIG THANK YOU to the students/ their families/ teachers and support staff for a great job with the Children Christmas Eve Program this year!

Sunday School begins at 8:30 AM. We offer classes for children ages 3-High School. Our teachers look forward each Sunday to teach God's Word to our students. Visitors are always welcome. Please come and join us on Sundays!

Wednesday Midweek Christian Education Classes, for preschool to 6th-8th grade, begins at 6:00 PM with a chapel opening, followed with classroom instructions and ends at 7:00 PM with a group prayer. We encourage and welcome any youth who has not been confirmed, to come and complete their confirmation requirements.

Reminder: NO midweek school on the following Wednesdays: January 1st /March 19th and April 16th .

We encourage and invite all confirmed youth to come and join the Youth Group on Wednesdays form 6-7 PM, in the fellowship hall.

During the month of January, the Midweek School students will be involved with collection quarters for a mission project, (in conjunction with LWML). The students will decide what mission project they want to sponsor. An information letter has be sent to all of the student's families.

The CBOE committee thanks Staci Rather for her service and dedication of being on the committee for the past four years.

The CBOE committee will meet January 5th after church service.

Trustees

Elders

A meeting was held on Wednesday December 4, 2024.

Altar Guild

The decoration take down will be Saturday, January 4 starting at 10 am. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are invited to attend.

Sunday, January 5 will be the last day for poinsettias. Those that have contributed towards the cost of the plants will have the first opportunity to take one with them. The remaining plants may be taken by any member. Thank you to our donors that helped make our sanctuary beautiful this year.

The 2025 flower chart is posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Floral arrangements celebrating a special occasion or milestone in the lives of our St. Peter's family are appreciated for our Sunday worship services. If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn Hauser.

Stewardship

The 2025 offering envelopes have arrived. They are on the table in the hallway across from the mailboxes. If you would like some, please let Carman or Alan know.

CHURCH REPORTS



LWML

The holidays celebrations are over and now we will plan for activities for 2025.

St. Peter's LWML party was well attended and everyone had a great time! Thank you so much for all of the help to get ready for the party and the clean up!

On Sunday, January 5th right after church there will be a meeting of all the ladies of the church to discuss coming events. One of the items we will discuss is the Zone Spring Event on March 29th here at the church. Be sure to come.

On Saturday, January 25th there will be a coloring party to make cards for Valentine's Day to send out to our nursing home residents, shut ins and anyone over the age of 80. Please come to help at 1 p.m. The cards to color will already be made and so we add the details to them. If you have some colored pencils, crayons or markers that you would like to use, please bring them.

The LWML 2025 Convention with the theme of Growing in God's Grace based on 2 Peter 3:18 will be held on June 26-29 in Omaha Nebraska. Registrations will open after January 1st. Please pray and consider going to the convention. The St. Peter's group are making plans to attend. If you are interested, please let Mary Bulk know.

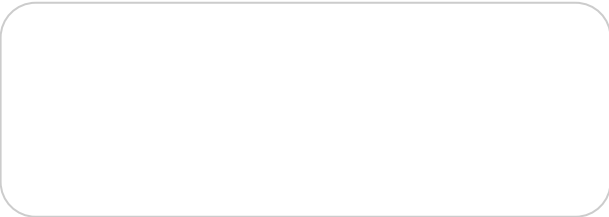
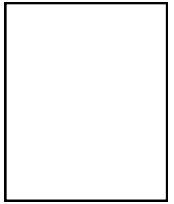
Cares and Concerns

As we begin 2025, the Cares and Concerns committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our church family for the ways they have contributed to St. Peter's. We are blessed to have individuals that have the skills necessary for the needs of our church. We appreciate the many hours donated for the good of St. Peter's.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 14 starting at 10 am.

All current reports will be given at the January 2025 Voter's meeting. You can get a copy of those prior to the meeting.

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- 4th Bailey Daniels
- 5th Joan Perez*
- 10th Mona Hull
- 11th Tina Lott
- 12th Tim Frevert
- 12th Frank Schomaker*
- 13th Mary Jo McReynolds*
- 19th Sharon Daugherty
- 21st Greta Baker
- 21st Keith Beeman*
- 23rd Linda Lumley
- 26th Ernie Davidson*
- 29th LaDonna Krone
- 30th Bobby Brown*



- 9th Jennifer Jennings
- 16th Audrey Galloway
- 19th Leon Storck
- 20th Alan Hauser
- 29th Jolene Keidel
- 31st John Lassman



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19th Jolene & Dale Keidel - 53 Yrs

January 2025						
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