

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

CONNECT to Christ with Us

Sunday, January 2,
2022

"He Comes to Make His Blessings Flow..."

Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

Worship Readings

Old Testament: 1 Kings 3:4-15

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Luke 2:40-52

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31 @ 7 pm

Preacher: Nathan Widener

Worship Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 30:15-17

Epistle: Romans 8:31b-39

Gospel: Luke 12:35-40

Covid Update
12.8.2021

**No Worship Services at
5pm Saturday New
Year's Day.**

Sunday
Morning Bible
Study Link (9:15
am)

Sunday Bulletin

New Year's Eve
Bulletin

Children's
Bulletin

**CLICK HERE to
join a PrayER
Team**

New Year Greetings,

We often look forward to a new year. With it comes new beginnings and new ways of doing things. It also means continuing to do that which has been beneficial for our faith and our life. Our St. Peter's Ministry anticipates the great work we can do together in Christ through the church, school, and your hands. We pray for our ministries to bolster and strengthen our faith from infant to elderly. In total, we want to be a church and school you celebrate and love in this new year.

Our preschool makes wonderful connections with families and our teachers continue to make Jesus the focus. In our school, the joy and passion of God's work is felt by all the students, teachers, and staff. In addition, the new Wildcat Crews build onto the already great family feel our school has. In our church we put our highest priority on worship and through God's blessings our ministry teams prosper.

Ministry wide, we are following our vision to make St. Peter's a "Community of Care." This vision is a huge, but thrilling undertaking. To put it simply, this is the question we want to answer – "How can St. Peter's be ready to care for all its members and the community that God has placed us in?" That's a big question.

Will this be answered in a year? No. Will it be easy? No. Will God be faithful to us? Yes. Will we pray for His guidance, strength, and mercy? Yes. Will this make a difference in our faith and those around us? Absolutely!

You have already seen some of the changes in our approach and new opportunities to care for others. For example, our midweek classes have additional groups to address struggles in each of our lives. Our PrayER Team adds to our church prayer life and has already started planting seeds in the way we care. This also means we will keep doing what we do and strive to make it even better.

Keep your eyes and ears open to see how your church is caring for each other and how you can help. God has given you a passionate heart and specific talents that make you the right person for caring in the right time and way.

Additionally, Christ draws visitors to St. Peter's. Let's be a church visitors know and see as caring. Let's love each other as God empowers us to do. Let us be a "Community of Care."

Happy New Year and Many Blessings in the Year of Our Lord 2022,

Your Pastors,
Pastor Steve
Pastor McDowell

Grow in His Grace

Talking with Grieving People

Join Patrick Riecke, Director for Dignity and Spiritual Care for Parkview Health at this special session. Patrick's team has supported families at the time of death more than 10,000 times during his tenure at Parkview. Honest, compassionate, and practical, this workshop will give attendees a roadmap to navigating their own grief and the grief of those they love.

There will be a dinner following the speaker. There is no charge for the dinner, but we will take a free will offering to help send the youth to the National Youth Gathering. We are asking people to make reservations so that we can plan the food. Below is a link to the sign up form.

[RSVP for the free dinner HERE](#)

Pastor Steve's Bible Study

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible Study will take a break for the season and resume January 13th.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Large Conference Room.
(No Bible Study on 12/28 & 1/4)

SHARE Him with Others

Mental Health Awareness: Loneliness

If you are experiencing Chronic Loneliness, your Community of Care at St. Peter's is here to help. We want to help you connect in a meaningful way with others. Please reach out to us through the church office or someone on the ministry team.

Tips for those struggling with Chronic Loneliness

- Talk to your doctor, a therapist, or another health care professional. Chronic loneliness isn't limited to feelings of social isolation and alienation from others. It is often tied to ongoing and deeply rooted negative beliefs about yourself that can eventually lead to other medical and emotional problems. Let someone know what's going on.
- Engage with other people in a positive, healthy way. Even though it may be difficult, try making the effort to connect with others. Volunteering, hobby clubs, workout groups, and other opportunities, can help boost self-esteem and provide a safe and satisfying way to connect with others.
- Get some exercise and sunlight. Getting active and out in the sunshine can help elevate endorphins and serotonin. These "brain hormones" can boost mood, help improve sleep, and make people feel happier.
- Find a support group, especially if chronic loneliness is a side effect of some other issue you might be dealing with, such as substance use, loss of a loved one, loneliness from a divorce or break up, a chronic and isolating illness, etc. Receiving support and encouragement from others who may share similar feelings, could help ease symptoms of chronic loneliness.

Signs & Symptoms of Chronic
Loneliness

Can Loneliness affect my
health?

To view a complete list of giving options (along with instructions), [click here](#)

Lord's Week at a Glance

Saturday, January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No Worship Service

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am – Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)

9:15 am – Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)

9:15 am – Public School Confirmation (Large Conference Room)

10:30 am – Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)

Kids of the Kingdom Available (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm - Pickleball (Church Gym)

Monday, January 3
(Observed New Year's Day - Church Office Closed)
(School & Preschool Back in Session)

Tuesday, January 4

Wednesday, January 5
6:00 pm – Support Group (Staff Conference Room)
6:30 pm - Middle School Youth Group (School Cafeteria)
6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone Room)
8:00 pm - Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)

Thursday, January 6
9:00 am – Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)
5:00 pm - Nominating Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)
7:00 pm - Ministry Impact Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

Friday, January 7

**The altar flowers are placed in memory of Joyce and Doug Rothenhofer
by Larry and Pat Rothenhofer, Jill and Kevin Sherlock and family and
Angie Rothenhofer and family.**

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Nick Lundin, James Moeller, Sgt. Adam Skelton, Cayden Whitacre

Wedding Anniversaries

December 27
Dean & Carol Bruick

December 28
Michael & Gail Hallien

December 30
Aaron & Elizabeth Tulloch

January 1
Barry & Pam Ehle
Jonathan & Sarah Wenzel

January 3
Terry & Linda Atz

January 5
Randy & Mary Bohren
John & Ellen Korte

Members with Healing Needs

Karl Frick
Family of Marlee Fishback
Family of Nicole Cichocki
Family of Jean Hieber
Robert Rhodes
Cindy Bolinger
Samantha Fisher
Merl Bloom
Darlene Baron
Anna Roembke
Jan Bradtmueller
Deb Stasko
Bob Young
Marjorie Dressler
John James
Otto Bradtmueller
Steve Reesman
Jean Scherer
Eileen Witte
Rosemary Young

John Korte
Al Schwartz
Cindy Parker
Alice Witte
Norma Bloom
Hannah Zillman
Renee Bleke
Phyllis Stair
Linda Varner
Susan Hirsch
Marshall Vonderau
Alvin Broome
Perry Ehresman
George Berger
Diana Massucci
Brad Hieber
Ivan Bossler
Gale Fiebig

Deaths

Jean Hieber (12/19/2021)
Nicole Cichocki (12/26/21)

Others We Know with Healing Needs and Prayer

John Narwhold (Brother of Carol Narhwold)
John Cook (Maureen Rehmer's brother)
Rita Berger (Sister in Law of Jim Berger and Barb Christian)
Michael (Son of Ed and Sue Johnson)

Family of Debbie Mignerey (Grandmother of Savannah)
Isca Family (close friends of Hudson Family)
Shirley (Bre Carr's grandma)
Pat Kramer (Karl Kramer's mother)
Eric & Audrie Morrical & Family (Tammy Carr's daughter & son-in-law)
Katy Boness (daughter-in-law of Dorcas Boness)
Barbara Jackson (Julie Reidt's Great Aunt)
Jan Lynch (Vic Robbin's sister)
Ken Nord (Barb Nord's brother-in-law)
Dennis Olson (Darryl Olson's brother)
Morgan Vorndran (friend of Maureen Rehmer)
Jonelle Kanouse (mother-in-law of Zachary Koenemann)
Kimberly Skelton (Daughter of Jan Briede, friend of Tim Degen)
Cory Vonderau (son of Jan Deck)
Steve Krause (neighbor of Curt Miller)
Mitch Vonderau (son of Bill & Nancy Vonderau)
Ali Ehle (daughter-in-law of Neil & Sharon Ehle)
Peggy & Richard Miller (Curt Miller's neighbors)
Bev Martin (mother of Tim Scott)
Rick Miller (brother-in-law of Mark & Jenny Bradtmueller)
Mrs. Gary Dicke (friend of Wayne & Susie Weber)
Kurt Seehofer (son of Jan Briede)
John Michael Nahrwold (brother of Carol Nahrwold)
Barbara Johnston (mother of Danny Marquart)
John Shaw (Curt Miller's neighbor)
Justin and Ashley Fasel (friends of Tim Degen)
Dan Scheele (brother-in-law to Denise Ehle)

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***Please call the church office with prayer card updates. Thank you!***

[Send a Prayer Request](#)

A printed version of the News & Notes are available on the Ministry Center wall by the Portals of Prayer. If you are ever in need of this printed version to be mailed to you, please call the Church Office to request this service.

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