

IN TOUCH with St. Peter's . . . Sharing Our Ministry with You
December 16 & 17 2017

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S:

Sunday, December 17, 8:00 and 10:45, worship, (10:45 Children Sing!) St. Peter's, SS and Adult Bible Class, 10:45 1:00 SPY basketball game here. HELPING HANDS OFFERING

Monday, December 18, LWG 1 make up class, 6:30-8:30 Lower Level.

Tuesday, December 19, 10:00-11:30, Tuesday Bible Class, 6:30 Church Council.

Wednesday, December 20 **NO ADVENT SERVICES:** 6:00 Connect/Confirmation, 7:30 Leader's Meeting.

Thursday, December 21, **NO Kiwanis**, 5:30 Kyrie, 6:30 Luther Class, LL

Friday, December 22, Pastor's Day off, 5:30 Clark/Feldhaus Rehearsal.

Saturday, December 23, 5:30 Saturday Worship with Communion.

2017 CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP: (WRAPPED IN LOVE!)

Saturday, December 23, 5:30 worship with Communion.

Sunday, December 24, 9:00 A.M. worship with Communion, NO SS or adult Bible Class.

Sunday, December 24, 7:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Communion/11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candlelight.

Monday, December 25, MERRY CHRISTMAS, no worship services.

Saturday, December 30, 5:30 worship with communion.

Sunday, December 31, Regular worship schedule.

CHRISTMAS LOVE AND GIFTS FOR OTHERS: How you can serve/give during this 'Holy' time;

1. Helping Hands Offering, Worship Services December 16/17 for Christmas gift baskets.
2. Christmas Gifts by Kyrie, take a tag, bring back wrapped age appropriate gifts TODAY.
3. Military Donations, box in the narthex, see specific gift list in the newsletter.
4. Christmas Tree: Bring gloves, scarves, hats and mittens for Children's home.
5. Hearts and Hope for Uganda, TODAY! 12/16-17 Christmas ornaments donations.
6. Christmas Poinsettias, watch the lower bulletin board to adorn our church only 3 left.

UP COMING EVENTS:

**SPY Basketball game, Here at 1:00, today, 12/17.

**St. Peter's Children's will be singing this Sunday, 12/17 during the 10:45 service.

United in Holy Matrimony; Andrew Clark and Molly Feldhaus, Saturday, December 16. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife."

December 2017 Sunday Sermons and Services:

***Sunday, December 17, 3rd Sunday in Advent, Isaiah 40:1-11, "Children singing (10:45) "Help is on The Way"

***Sunday, December 24, 4th Sunday in Advent, "7 Old Testament prophesies of Christ in Word and Song."

***Sunday, December 31, 1st SUN after Christmas, Galatians 4:1-7, "Wardrobes of Heirs."

YOU ARE INVITED to the Camp CILCA Annual Banquet from 5pm-8 on January 28, 2018 at the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The evening includes musical entertainment, dinner, and guest presenter Rev. Dr. Joel Heck who will speak about the importance of Creation for Christian faith and life. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the camp office at 217-415-2311 or camp@cilca.org. Child care will also be available for \$5. (Pastor Mews and Dave Belvery are attending)

Attendance and Comparison for the Second Week of December

SERVICE	2017	2016
Saturday	26	27
8:00	69	66
10:45	87	75

MATURING DISCIPLES:

****WINTER ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:**

SUNDAY A.M., This Sunday, 12/17, we continue our Bible Study over ***The Book of Acts.*** We meet 9:30-10:30 in The LOWER LEVEL--ALL are welcome! NO Class on 12/24.

****TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** Class this Tuesday, 12/19, Classes gather in the lower level from 10:00-11:30, with its study over "The Book of Isaiah." This week chapter 51-52. NO CLASSES ON 12/26 or January 2 due to Christmas break.

****THURSDAY NIGHT "IN DEPTH" BIBLE STUDY:** "True Faith in the True God!" This class discusses Luther's theology of The Reformation in depth! This class gathers in the lower level. And we will meet this Thursday, December 21 at 6:30. NO CLASS ON 12/28, Christmas break.

++FALL LIFE WITH GOD 1, (LWG 1) Make up class this Monday, this Monday, 12/18. We gather in the Lower Level. NEW WINTER BLUE LIFE WITH GOD FORMS will be ready next week!

YOUTH AND FAMILY:

1. *Weekday School/Confirmation is now called "Connect," it gathers every Wednesday at 6:00. If you have a child from the 3^d grade to the 8th grade and are interested, call the Church office or Pastor Mews.*
2. **Connect is gathering items for military ministry. There is a list/box in the Lower Narthex.**
3. **Connect will meet on 12/20, but not on 12/27 or January 3 due to Christmas Break!**

MISSIONS/KYRIE "HEARTS AND HOPE FOR UGANDA (HH4U)

TODAY is the last day to bring age specific "TOYS." Get a child tag on the poster in the lower narthex area.

1. **Donations for HH4U ornaments at this weekend's worship services.**
2. **Remember to bring in your aluminum cans for recycling.**



Time to order your Christmas Poinsettia. \$13.00 each, red only, from Beck's you can give payments to Joy Williams. Please bring gloves, mittens & scarves to decorate the tree. Let's keep someone warm this winter. Thanks Joy.

Remember to call the church office to reserve the facility for parties, showers etc. Thank you.

Men's Club will stop meeting for the winter. They will resume meeting in March of 2018.

Please keep the church office updated with loved ones who are on the prayer list. They will stay on the list for 3 weeks unless we are notified otherwise. Thank you.

KEEP THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR WITH IMMEDIATE MEDICAL NEEDS IN OUR PRAYERS:

Judy Stromlund, Gloria Burton, Eldon Schoedel, Wayne & Shirley Morris, Lori Gunther, Pat Quitschau, Tracy Turner, Marnie Dick, Mike Sutton, Helen Nelson, Teriann Shrum friend of Karen Visocky, Tom Magarity Pat Magarity's brother, Mary Kuske sister of Sally Rajkowski, Nancy Noe, Dave brother of Julie Parlier, Tony Walker father of Ashley Walker, Kristin Anderson and unborn baby girl-high risk pregnancy, Paul Foster's cousin, Mary Beth Terrant cancer testing & Paul Foster's Aunt, Dolly David recovering from a fall, Don Theobald, Sharon Libolt, Alex Lamprecht.

Pray and remember those homebound, hospitalized/having surgery/testing this week; Pam Nelson, Home, Hip replacement, Sharon Libolt, knee replacement rehab-Proctor.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY!

Andrew Benedict, Jereme Martin, Brady Martin, Dalton Belcher (deployed), Jacob Brandt (deployed Japan), Joe & Jake Gunther, Michael Lewis, Roger & David Masters, Trent Barron, Doug and Delia Gardner, Lauren Tranchitella.