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*Adore*

ON BENDED KNEE

*Christ*

THE NEWBORN

*King*

*Merry Christmas*



*All is calm,  
all is bright!*



# St. Peter's Proverbs

*December 2021*

## St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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*"Alive in the Spirit"*

### DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 1	Ladies Aid Christmas Party Pastor's Drop-In Office Hours Confirmation & Isaiah Bible Study	12 pm 5-6:30 pm 6:30 pm
Dec. 5	Sunday School Worship Youth Serve Lunch Trustee Meeting Ultreya	9 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 2 pm
Dec. 7	Men's Group Quilters Pastor's Office Hours Town of Wyoming Meeting	8:30 am 9 am 9:30 am-Noon 7 pm
Dec. 8	24/7 Bible Study Confirmation & Isaiah Bible Study	5 pm 6:30 pm
Dec. 10-11	Youth Lock-In	6 pm-9 am
Dec. 12	Sunday School Christmas Sing-A-Long	9 am 10:30 am
Dec. 14	Men's Group Quilters Pastor's Office Hours	8:30 am 9 am 9:30 am-Noon
Dec. 15	Confirmation w/Family Meal	6:30 pm
Dec. 18	Cookie/Candy Walk	8 am-Noon
Dec. 19	Sunday School Sunday School Program	9 am 10:30 am
Dec. 21	Men's Group Quilters Pastor's Office Hours	8:30 am 9 am 9:30 am-Noon
Dec. 22	24/7 Bible Study No Confirmation or Isaiah Bible Study	5 pm
Dec. 22	Men's Group Quilting	8:30 am 9 am
Dec. 24	Candlelight Worship	4:30 pm
Dec. 25		
Dec. 26	No Sunday School Worship	10:30 am
Dec. 28	Men's Group Quilters	8:30 am 9 am
Dec. 29	No Confirmation	



# ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

12:30-1:45 PM

A potluck lunch will be held at 11:30  
am for those who would like to attend.

Bring your favorite food to pass.

Plates, plasticware, coffee and water  
will be available.

## A Message from Pastor Janice



### **THE REAL MEANING AND PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS—to celebrate that:**

*The people who walked in darkness have seen  
a great light. For those who lived in a land of  
deep shadows—light! sunbursts of light!  
For a child has been born—for us!  
The gift of a son—for us!*

*He'll take over the running of the world.*

*His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal  
Father, Prince of Wholeness.*

*His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be  
no limits to the wholeness he brings.*

*He'll rule from the historic David throne  
over that promised kingdom.*

*He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing and keep it going with fair  
dealing and right living, beginning now and lasting always.*

*The zeal of God-of-the-Angel-Armies will do all this.*

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 MSG

The most important message and purpose of Christianity is not to impart helpful tips for better living or for self-improvement. Christianity is not a club “for good people.” No, in fact, Christianity is all about bringing sick, broken, weak, weary, hurting, troubled, sinful people to the only One who can make them whole, restore them to health, forgive all their sins, and set them on the path to eternal life with Him in heaven.

Some Christians today, for various reasons, regard Church as a training or fitness center, a place where they go to get a great spiritual workout and bulk up their “spiritual lives.” While we do indeed receive strength and hope through the message of Jesus and His Good News, the Church is actually more like a hospital into which people are brought by our Savior, Jesus Christ, and taken care of, nurtured and healed, cleansed and pardoned, and then sent into our daily lives in the world to exercise Jesus’ ruling authority and partner with Him in building His Kingdom *on earth as in heaven*. In this community, we are all “recovering sinners” until the very moment of death. We are called “Christians” because all that we are and all that we will someday after death is because of Christ and Him crucified.

And so we have before us the facts from Scripture. Not only can we understand those facts; we must understand those facts.

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**But knowledge of the facts about Jesus and knowledge about the Christian faith is not the goal.** Knowledge only goes so far. Knowing facts is one thing, but trusting in the truths they reveal is quite another. In fact, it is a gift from God that we call "Faith". We need to cling to these facts for what they really are---life-saving and life-giving truths that give our entire life meaning and purpose and that serve us every day in every way.

***Christmas is a time to celebrate what God has done and what He is doing, for us and through us!***

*Blessings, Pastor Janice*



***Poinsettias beautifying our church were given by the following:***

**In Memory of:**

- Parents by Shorty & Faye Miller
- Mary Rulseh by John & Sue Bergacker
- Edith Schultz by Tina Schultz
- Janice Reinke by Jen Reinke
- Virginia Pietz by Brenda Brady
- Cookie Jossie by Jon, Jennifer & Bradon Jossie
- Chuck Adams by Joni Adams Family
- Ron Wandel & Colleen Holder
- by Nancy Wandel & Holder Family
- Rick Jobst by Carola Jobst
- Parents & Son by Tom & Sharie Anderson
- Henry & Violet, Wayne & Neil Beyersdorf
- by Rick & Tracey Mengert
- Leonard & Ardis Fournier, John & Theresa Bazile
- & Dawn Verg by John & Rosemary Bazile
- Family by Jim & Judy Anklam
- Philip Morris by Nancy Morris
- In Honor of Family & Memory of Parents
- by Lee & Jackie Baldwin
- Memory of Dale Zaug & Honor of Family
- by Lola Zaug

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**

Christmas  
**Carol**  
 Sing-Along

**Sunday, Dec. 12, 10:30 am**

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**Open to the Public**

**Trustee Sought**

Two members for the Board of Trustees are being sought for a three-year term beginning in 2022. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like more information on the duties of a Trustee, contact any of the current Trustees.



- Peter & Cindy Fannin  
30 Years, Dec. 14
- David & Margie Schmidt  
48 Years, Dec. 22

**Merry Christmas**





*St. Peter's Annual*  
**Cookie-Candy**  
**Walk**

*Saturday, Dec. 18*

*8 am-12 pm*

*\$7 per pound*

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

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**Corner of Petersen Rd. & CTH. G**



**Friday, Dec. 24**  
**4:30 pm**



Bradon Jossie	Dec. 2
Ashley Ridge	Dec. 4
Adam Kohel	Dec. 5
Shannon Peeters	Dec. 8
Vickie Nyhouse	Dec. 11
Jim Korth	Dec. 15
Caleb Bestul	Dec. 20
Lola Zaug	Dec. 20
Wyatt Blashe	Dec. 21
Tony Paulson	Dec. 22
Vivian Koeppel	Dec. 24
Kenzlee Miller	Dec. 27
Jonathan Heiman	Dec. 28
Patricia Beck	Dec. 30
Isaiah Smith	Dec. 31



The Marion Food Pantry wants for December are peanut butter and tomato soup or any non-perishable food items. The Food Pantry needs are laundry detergent. Items may be dropped off at church or at the House of Hope in Marion. Due to COVID-19 please call Pat Leach at 715-754-2665 to arrange a drop off.

# A Message from Pastor Kay

## HOPE

After my parent's divorce (when I was 26 years old), Christmas was a difficult time of year. There was tension and trying to figure out how to continue traditions while keeping them separate, which always put a damper on the holiday. But I was reminded that it really is about Christ and a time to be thankful for the family God has blessed you with, and my Christmases got much easier even though I still have to split everything.



With all the commercials, festivities and chaos it's easy to ignore that this can be a difficult time of year for people, especially your kids.

Everyone is pressured to put on a smile. However, in their hearts might be a whole lot of BAH HUMBUG! It's important for your kids to enjoy this holiday because of the impact it has on their faith. That's why you need to make sure you show them how to:

### Slow It Down

Christmas moves quickly; therefore, teach them how to enjoy the entire experience.

While giving them tools to find quiet time with God is helpful, be sure to provide experiences as well. That might mean doing a prayer night or simplifying the program. Slow down what you do so that you can help your kids to do the same.

### Fill It With Hope

The holidays can be emotionally difficult. Give them hope by revisiting the Nativity story, organize a missions' project or just break it down for them. The more they learn to hope, the more they'll discover God's gift for their life.

### Refocus On Christ

The commercialism during this season is a big distraction from Christ. Remind them that it's not about what you receive, but how you share Christ with others. Help them see it's not about what they want, but what God has in store.

While your teens might not be caught up in the craziness, it's important to prepare them to face it. Remind the kids of what

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Christmas can and should be by showing them how to live it. Don't be afraid tweak what you do so that you help them enjoy the most wonderful time of the year.

Have very Merry Christmas! -- Kay

## Gilligan's Christmas Island



Seated, left to right: Pete Fannin, Santa; Brandon Blashe, Mr. Howell; Lee Rambo, Professor; Chase McClellan, Gilligan; Brian Knight, Skipper; Joe Stuhr, Radio Voice; Scott Beck, Islander. Back row, left to right: Sarah Holder, Mrs. Howell, Tia Bestul, Ginger; Tina Schultz, Islander, Jen Reinke, Islander, Deb Schellin, Islander, and Elizabeth Enoch, MaryAnn.

