

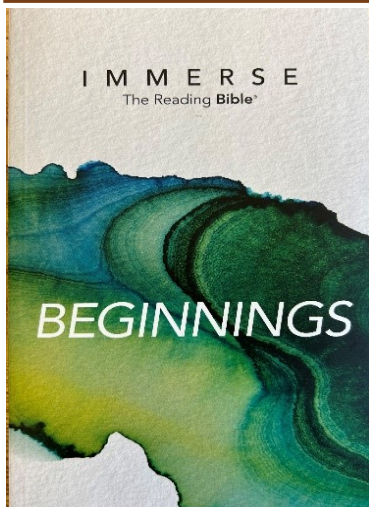
St. Peter's PROVERBS

December 2023



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JANICE

December, 2023



Dear Friends,

I want to announce that we will be engaging in the *Immerse Bible Reading Experience* again soon!

We started in January, 2023 by reading the entire New Testament. **NOW** we will read the first 5 books of the Old Testament in the volume called *Beginnings. STARTING JANUARY 2024*

The Bible is a great gift. The Creator of all things entered into our human story and spoke to us. He inspired people over many centuries to shape words into books that reveal his mind, bringing wisdom into our lives and light to our paths.

But God's biggest intention for the Bible is to invite us into its Story. What God wants for us more than anything else is that we make the Bible's great drama of restoration and new life the story of our lives,

too.

The appropriate way to receive a gift like this is to come to know that Bible deeply, to lose ourselves in it precisely so that we can find ourselves in it. **In other words, we need to immerse ourselves in it:**

to read God's words at length and without distraction

to read with deeper historical and literary perspective

***Immerse: The Bible Reading Experience* has been special designed for this purpose.**

So we are going to encourage each member of St. Peter's to increase their engagement with the Bible, but continuing together in *The Immerse Bible Reading Experience*.

The form/ format will **be more like a book club than a Bible study:** a few people meeting together in a comfortable setting to discuss a book they are all reading—the book just happening to be the Bible!

Watch for more information about ordering copies of *Immerse: The Reading Bible (Beginnings, Volume 2)* and joining a group in Januar or explore for yourself at www.immersebible.com.

***Immerse: The Reading Bible* is a six-volume Bible created with **one goal** in mind: **to provide the best reading experience possible.** It restores the Bible's text to its natural literary form: stories look like stories, songs look like songs, and poetry looks like poetry. Rather than traditional chapters and verses, each book is formatted based on the natural literary structures the authors incorporated when the books were first composed. And it is available in paperback, large print, and audio versions, as well as an ebook.**

CAN I USE THE BIBLE I ALREADY HAVE?

Using a different Bible for *the community book-club experience* would be difficult, since the reading

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plan uses page numbers to indicate each day's reading. It will also be difficult to follow the text in discussion groups since people reference passages by page numbers and not chapter or verse. More importantly, the format matters to the experience. Removing the chapter and verse numbers and restoring the natural breaks and literary formats changes how you read. Presenting the text in a more familiar format, like other books we are accustomed to reading, encourages reading books as whole books, letters as entire letters, and poetry as poetry. It is what the authors originally intended.

CAN I JUST READ IT BY MYSELF WITHOUT BEING IN A GROUP?

Absolutely, and you will have a great experience reading an additive-free Bible. However, community is a critical part of our spiritual growth, and it's a vital part of the full Immerse experience. We are communal people, created by God to be in communion with Him and each other. That is why the books of the Bible were originally given to communities of people, and it's how the church for most of its history has interacted with Scripture. So community really matters.



Join us on Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m.

for

The Children's Christmas Program

“Snowflakes”

St. Peter's Annual Cookie-Candy Walk



Saturday, Dec. 16

8 am-12 pm

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

*N10685 Petersen Rd., Marion
(corner of G & L Petersen Rd.)*

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\$8 per pound

Transition Team Nearing Completion

The Transition Team is coming close to finishing the Senior Pastor Profile and Church Profile. Please contact the Transition Team if you have any questions or wish to voice your visions of what a Senior pastor looks like in your heart and mind. Once this is finalized it will go to the Call Committee once that has been established. The goal is to have the Call Committee established at the up-coming annual meeting in January.

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Vickie Nyhouse	Dec. 11
James Korth	Dec. 15
Caleb Bestul	Dec. 20
Lola Zaug	Dec. 20
Vivian Koeppel	Dec. 24
Kenzlee Miller	Dec. 27
Jonathan Heiman	Dec. 28
Patty Beck	Dec. 30
Eleona Knight	Dec. 30
Isaiah Smith	Dec. 31

Prayers of the Church

Prayer requests will now be published in the bulletin, newsletter and spoken during worship. Following are the guidelines that will be followed for this process:

1. Request must be made by (a) the individual, (b) immediate family member, or (c) the person making the request has permission from one of the above. All requests should be called or emailed to the church office by Tuesday morning before 10 a.m., 715-754-2690 or stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com.
2. It must be understood that their full name will be published in the Announcement Bulletin and newsletter. **Their first name ONLY will be spoken out loud in the Prayers of the Church during Sunday worship.**
3. Names spoken in Prayers of the Church during Sunday worship are broadcast via Facebook live.
4. There will be no reason given in the Announcement Bulletin or Newsletter, why the prayers are requested, unless requested by the individual or immediate family member. No reason will be spoken in the Prayers of the



Pete & Cindy Fannin
Dec. 14, 32 Years

David & Margie Schmidt
Dec. 22, 50 Years

Dan & Amy Bestul
Dec. 27, 37 Years



Marion



The Marion Food Pantry needs for December are stuffing, gravy and cranberries or any non-perishable food items. The Food Pantry wants are dish soap and toilet paper. Items may be dropped off at church or at the House of Hope in Marion.

2023 Budget at a Glance

2023 Budget \$145,442.79

Budgeted For Sept.	Income Received	Expenses	Net Income/ Loss
\$12,120.23	\$12,402.96	\$9,202.97	\$3,199.99
Budgeted For Oct.	Income Received	Expenses	Net Income/ Loss
\$12,120.23	\$9,197.53	\$10,331.65	-\$1,134.12

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Reports Due

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28 following a potluck dinner. All reports are due to Jackie no later than Thursday, Jan. 18.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024
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.



December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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SS 9 am Worship 10:30 am Youth Serve Lunch 11:30 am Trustee Mtg. 11:30 am	3	4	5 Men's Group 8:30 am Quilters 9 am Town of Wyoming Mtg. 8 pm	6 No Ladies Aid Confirmation 6:30 pm	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8 VDC 10 am-4 pm	9
SS 9 am Worship 10:30 am	10	11	12 Men's Group 8:30 am Quilters 9 am	13 Confirmation 6:30 pm	14	15 Set-Up Cookie- Candy Walk 10 am	16 Cookie-Candy Walk 8 am-Noon
SS 9 am Sunday School Program 10:30 am	17	18	19 Men's Group 8:30 am Quilters 9 am	20 Confirmation 6:30 pm	21 Winter Begins	22	23
No SS Worship 10:30 am Candlelight 4:30 pm	24	25	26 Men's Group 8:30 am Quilters 9 am	27 No Confirmation	28	29	30
No SS Worship 10:30 am Pastor Janice on Vacation	31						Pastor Janice on Vacation 



Sunday, Dec. 24

10:30 am

Candlelight Worship

4:30 pm



*May the peace and hope of Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead!*

Merry Christmas

"Who can add to Christmas?"

The perfect motive is that God so loved the world.

The perfect gift is that he gave His only Son.

The only requirement is to believe in Him.

The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.

Corrie Ten Boom

