

# St. Peter's PROVERBS

January 2024



## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JANICE



Dear Friends,

We begin a new calendar year—Happy New Year!

We saw big changes at St. Peter's in 2023 and there are more to come in 2024.

Pastor Kay Knight left St. Peter's after over 20 years of service (first as a lay leader, then as pastor) in our Sunday School and Youth programs. We bless her in her new call as Teaching Pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Tomah. And we miss her so much! And we have a lot of work to do in figuring out how to do all the work she did!

I also announced my retirement in 2024 and set up a Transition Team and a Transition Prayer Team to begin the process of preparing to call a new pastor.

Times of transition like this are tough! There is lots to do and a lot of powerful and somewhat conflicting emotions (uncertainty, grief, excitement, hope).

Finding replacements for such long-serving leaders as Kay and I is incredibly challenging, and I have done and will continue to do all I can that help St. Peter's in that process.

Early 2024:

- My exact retirement date (determined in consultation with St. Peter's Elders and Trustees) will be announced.
- Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28, the Transition Team will report on its work and you will appoint a Call Committee (or Selection Committee).
- The Selection Committee will begin to seek candidates to interview as your next pastor.

May God continue to richly bless St. Peter's in its leadership and in its ministry in 2024 and beyond!

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Janice*

## 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.

### 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., [stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com) or 715-754-2690
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 Church.
5. Prayer requests will be posted for four (4) weeks unless request is renewed by individual or immediate family member.
6. This is separate from the Prayer Chain. For Prayer Chain requests contact Faye Miller at 715-445-4600.



### Marion



The Marion Food Pantry needs for December are Mac 'n cheese and soup or any non-perishable food items. The Food Pantry wants are shampoo and laundry detergent. Items may be dropped off at church or at the House of Hope in Marion.



Abigail Soik	Jan. 3
Miranda Peebles	Jan. 4
Jaelyn Brady	Jan. 8
Sawyer Stolz	Jan. 8
Sydney Blashe	Jan. 10
McKenzie Bonikowske	Jan. 10
Sue Miller	Jan. 12
Jaden Stuhr	Jan. 15
Jaxson Brady	Jan. 17
Lilly Lemke	Jan. 20
Abigail Petersen	Jan. 21
Jim Haacker	Jan. 26
Kyla Heiman	Jan. 26
Joey Enoch III	Jan. 27
Francis Miller	Jan. 29



### 2023 Budget at a Glance

2023 Budget \$145,442.79

Budgeted For Nov..	Income Received	Expenses	Net Income/ Loss
\$12,120.23	\$7,360.15	\$24822.66	-\$17,462.51



# ANNUAL MEETING

**Annual Meeting Reports Due**

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.**





Agape Help Center is committed to reaching out with the love of Christ to women and men in difficult situations. We are a pregnancy information center that provides diapers, wipes and other items for first time clients as well as “Earn While You Learn” program for those with a desire to increase their “tool belt” for the life’s ups and downs.

## *Christmas Blessing Tree*

- \* Take an ornament and donate the item listed on the back
- \* Leave your donation under the tree OR drop off at Agape Help Center (217 N. Main St., Waupaca, 715-942-8288)
- \* As a thank you please keep the ornament as a keepsake

*Thank you for blessing*



*In All Things,  
Give Thanks*

I Thessalonians 5:18

*Thank you*

**Thank you to all those who volunteer in some way from Sunday School teachers, to music leaders, lay leaders, lay readers, lawn care, ushers, greeters, holiday decorators, VBS teachers and leaders, maintenance items, coffee hour, confirmation leaders and more!**

**We are truly grateful for all you do to help St. Peter's run smoothly!**

**We are truly blessed!**

# january



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	1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>	2 Men's Grp 8:30 am Quilters 9 am Town of Wyoming Mtg. 8 pm	3 Ladies Aid 12 pm NO Confirmation	4	5	6
7 SS 9 am Worship 10:30 am Youth Serve Lunch 11:30 am	8 Jeremiah Study 6:30 pm	9 Men's Grp 8:30 am Quilters 9 am	10 Confirmation 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14 SS 9 am Worship 10:30 am Trustee Mg. 11:30 am	15 Jeremiah Study 6:30 pm	16 Men's Grp 8:30 am Quilters 9 am	17 Confirmation 6:30 pm	18	19	20 VDC Council 8 am-4 pm
21 SS 9 am Worship 10:30 am	22 Jeremiah Study 6:30 pm	23 Men's Grp 8:30 am Quilters 9 am	24 Confirmation 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28 SS 9 am Worship 10:30 am	29 Jeremiah Study 6:30 pm	30 Men's Grp 8:30 am Quilters 9 am	31 Confirmation 6:30 pm			





God  
BLESS  
IN THE  
New Year  
You

For surely I know the plans I have for you,  
says the Lord, plans for your welfare  
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11

