

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

January 2024 Newsletter



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Our Mission Statement

To reach out with the WORD
and LOVE of JESUS CHRIST to
ALL people.

Isaiah 43: 18-19

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Come Worship With Us



Bible Study 9AM
Every Sunday



January 7

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Communion

January 21

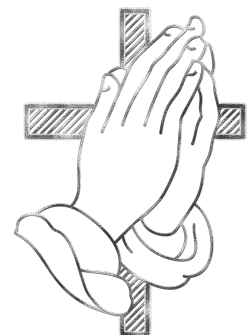
Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Communion

January 14

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.

January 28

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.





Pastor's Message: The Meaning of Epiphany

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:10-12

January 6 is celebrated in our Liturgical calendar as Epiphany. In particular, this refers to the manifestations of our Savior to the Gentiles through the visit of the Magi from the east.

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek word meaning, in its verb form, “to appear” or even better “to shine upon.” Sometimes, people have translated it as “to reveal.” I would suggest that that idea would be stretching the meaning just a bit. This verb appears something like four times in the Greek New Testament. One insightful occurrence would be Luke 1:79- “... to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death” (Zechariah’s prophecy).

I would like to suggest that as we enter the Epiphany season, we, who have been enlightened by the Savior, would be a light to others in the sense that we can shine the person of Christ into lives of the others. Perhaps the lyrics of “Shine Jesus Shine” by Graham Kendrick would be enlightening in this regard:

“Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.”

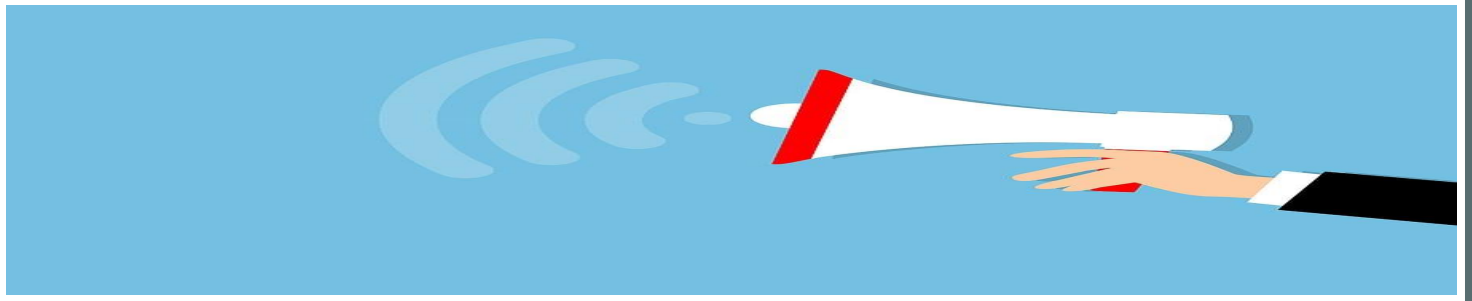
How can we do that in a practical sort of way so that we are enabled to draw others to the Light of Christ and thereby lift high the Cross of Christ?

Next month I would like to share and explore some practical ways in which we can be the Light of Christ to others.

But, for now, I have an Epiphany joke. Please don’t groan too much!

What did the 3rd Wise Man shout after his friends presented the gold and frankincense?

But wait, there’s myrrh!

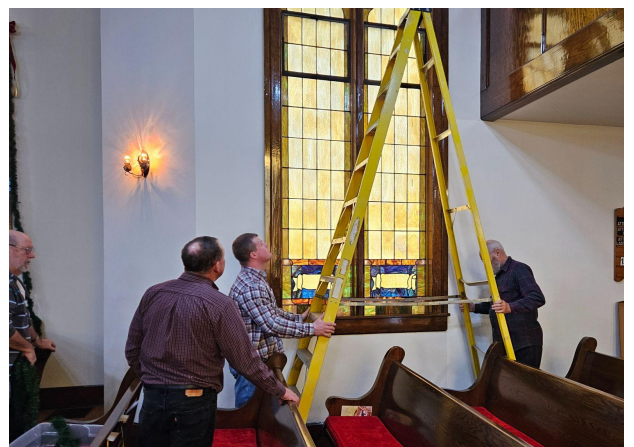


Announcements



- ▶ There are several open slots on the Altar Guild list for this coming year. If you are interested in volunteering to set up communion on communion Sundays, please let Anita Leiter know. It is okay if you have never done it before, Anita would be happy to help and show you what needs to be done.
- ▶ If you have not picked up your offering envelopes, please do as soon as possible. They are located on the table in the west wing.
- ▶ The new flower sign up will be posted soon in the back of church. Make sure to sign up for flowers for birthdays, anniversaries, or other important dates, etc.
- ▶ January 7 - Church "UNdecorating" following service
- ▶ January 28 - Annual meeting following service
- ▶ Dennis Winter would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, and cards during his past surgeries. He would also like to thank Pastor Huner for his visits.

Merry Christmas!!





In our thoughts & prayers ...

Ted Reyome
Gary Brockman
Judy Straub
Blake Mason
Derrick Miller Family
Dee Golemdiepski
Mary White
Linda & Tom Preston
Dennis Winter

Our Service Men: Larry Lloyd Jr, John Petcoff, Nicholas Hoover, Blake Mason, Noah Johnson, Ben Jensen, Jeff Keller, Tyler Dickerson



January Birthdays

Jeannine Petcoff

Taylor Bruckner

Fellowship Hall Available



The Fellowship Hall is available to rent for graduation parties, family reunions, showers, etc. Contact Eudora Judit at 734-270-2229.



Thank you to those who read during our Christmas program!

Thank you to our call committee who has been putting a lot of work into our calls and sending out call paperwork! Continued prayers for a new pastor.

Refreshments List for January/February/March 2024

Each family is asked to please furnish 2 dozen cookies or some refreshment. Coffee pots will be ready to be plugged in. Please set up cups and napkins ahead of time, and clean up when everyone is done.

January 14 - Delmer Cilley, Ed Chmura, Betsy Winter

January 28 - Julie Mens, Jim Waterstradt, Anita Leiter

February 11 - Clint White, Wayne Harris, Doug MacDonald

February 25 - Larry Wright, Phyllis Sieler, Lori Himburg, Ruth Eigenheer

March 10 - Dory Judit, Tyler Dickerson, Jerry Myers

March 24 - Howard Hunter, Tom Preston, Julayne MacDonald

REFRESHMENTS LIST AND DATES FOR 2024



Each family is asked to please furnish 2 dozen cookies or some type of refreshment.

You will need to put cups and napkins out ahead of time and you are responsible for cleaning up!

- Jan. 14- Delmer Cilley - Ed Chmura - Betsy Winter.**
- Jan. 28 - Julie Mens - Jim Waterstradt - Anita Leiter.**
- Feb. 11 - Clint White - Wayne Harris – Doug MacDonald.**
- Feb. 25 - Larry Wright - Phyllis Sieler - Lori Himburg - Ruth Eigenheer.**
- Mar. 10 - Dory Judit – Tyle Dickerson – Jerry Myers.**
- Mar. 24 - Howard Hunter - Tom Preston -Julayne Mac Donald.**
- Apr. 14- Elders and Pastor.**
- Apr. 28 - Doug Jennings - Renee Larzelere - Cheryl Harnica.**
- May 12 - No refreshments Mother's Day.**
- May 26 - Bill Saylor - Jeannine Pettcoff - Ken Mason - Jim Wright.**
- Jun. 9 - Glen Diesing - Larry Wright - Leon Cilley – Andy Stahl .**
- Jun. 23- Julie Mens- Phyllis Sieler – Tyler Dickerson - Greg Heisler.**
- July 14 - Janet Romano - Ken Mason – Kathy Gorr.**
- July 28 - Howard Hunter- Tom Preston – Dory Judit – Ruth Eigenheer.**
- Aug. 11 - Ken Mason - Delmer Cilley- Ed Chmura- Betsy Winter- Jim Wright.**
- Aug. 25- Julie Mens - Jim Waterstradt- Anita Leiter- Tom Stahl- Tyler Dickerson.**
- Sept. 8 - No Refreshments, Picnic.**
- Sept. 22 - Clint White - Lori Himburg - Jeannine Pettcoff.**
- Oct. 13 - Linda Gilson Jr. - Connie Jensen- Bill Saylor – Doug MacDonald .**
- Oct. 27 - Dennis Winter - Doug Jennings - Glenn Diesing - Tom Stahl.**
- Nov. 10- Doug MacDonald- Renee Larzelere - Cheryl Harnica - Janet Romano.**
- Nov. 24 - Wayne Harris - David Chmura- Harold Gorr - Leon Cilley.**
- Dec. 8 - Andy Stahl - Nancy Hunter - Jeannine Petcoff – Julayne MacDonald.**
- Dec. 22- No refreshments.**

Servants of The Lord

Altar Guild

January - Anita Leiter
 February - Linda Preston
 March - Nancy Hunter

Pastor	Vacancy Pastor: Pastor Huner		
Secretary	Eudora Judit		
Organist	Anita Leiter & Mary Tomell		
Fellowship Hall Rental	Eudora Judit: 734-279-2229 Church: 734-279-1949		
Church Council			
President	Tom Stahl: 517-403-2601		
Vice President	Bill Saylor: 734-279-1117		
Secretary	Carrie Dickerson: 734-755-7405		
Treasurer	Paul Harnica: 734-735-7271		
Financial Secretary	Andy Stahl: 517-447-3852		
Trustees	Kyle Harnica: 419-345-7786 Betsy Winter: 419-290-4066 Dennis Miller: 734-279-2485		
Elders			
Tom Stahl 517-447-3246	Jim Waterstradt 734-279-2065	Bill Saylor 734-279-1117	Tyler Dickerson 734-755-7405
Tom Preston 734-646-4612			



What is going on this month?

January 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship service with communion 10:30AM Church UNdecorating	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship service 10:30AM	15	16 Elders Meeting 7:00 PM	17	18	19	20
21 Worship service with communion 10:30AM	22	23 Council Meeting 7:00 PM	24	25	26	27
28 Worship service 10:30AM Annual Church Meeting	29	30	31			

Date	Lector	Communion	Acolyte	Altar Flowers
7	Jim Waterstradt	Jim Waterstradt	Ben Winter	
14	Tom Preston		Ben Winter	
21	Tom Stahl	Tom Stahl	Ben Winter	
28	Jim Waterstradt			



Go in peace and serve
The Lord!