



December 1, 2024
First Sunday in Advent

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

403 West Bridge Street, Brownstown, IN

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, LCMS

403 West Bridge Street, Brownstown Indiana 47220

Sunday Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM

Scan QR Code for online services



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812-358-2539

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St. Peter's Child Care Ministry

812-358-7034

Lutheran Central School (Preschool 3 & 4 - Grade 8)

812-358-2512

HIS LOVE – OUR RESPONSE

Sunday, November 24: 2 General: \$6,814.46 Special Gifts: \$230.00 Capital: \$770.00

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Pastor: Rev. Ryan Schneider

Organist: Lori Tabor

8:00 AM Elders: Todd Harrison -- Paul Pottschmidt -- Jeff Hackman

10:30 AM Elders: Andy Fountain -- David Garrison -- Caleb Hackman

8:00 AM Acolyte: Owen Kellermeier

10:30 AM Acolytes: Evan Baker & Avery Robertson

Advent Service (December 4) Acolyte: Avery Cassidy

The Thanksgiving Cornucopia was sponsored and given in honor, loving memory, and all the special memories of Margaret "Peggy" Kovert by the Chastain family, Buck, Jeanette, Justin, and John Lincoln.

AT EITHER DOOR

- 1) Portal of Prayers – Fall issue (October, November, December)
- 2) My Devotions – Winter issue (December, January, February)

† SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY †

The Lord's Prayer. Are you seeking a deeper understanding of prayer and your relationship with God? Join us as we explore the profound teaching of Jesus through "The Lord's Prayer." This engaging study will delve into the significance of each phrase, unpack the meaning behind "Our Father who art in heaven," and enhance your prayer life. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith and deepen your connection with our Heavenly Father! All are welcome—bring a friend!

Today at 9:20 AM!

NEW COMMUNION WARE

If you would like to make a donation to purchase a new Communion Set to help celebrate your 125th Anniversary, please make a donation to the Altar Guild, by marking your offering envelope or place in a plain envelope marked “Altar Guild”. Estimated replacement cost is \$1,500.00- \$2,000.00.

ST. PETER’S RESOURCE CENTER

Located in the church office: There is a variety of cards for you to purchase, there is also a selection of Religious Christmas cards.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

On Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Please call the church office to register for this one-day class to become a member of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church.

Lunch will be provided.

MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY FOR CONCORDIA COUNSELING

An anonymous donor has pledged up to \$ 50,000 for a dollar-to-dollar match to all contributions to Concordia Counseling now through December 15, 2024. Donations can be mailed to Concordia Counseling at PO Box 704, Seymour, IN 47274 or online at concordiacounseling.org.

CONCORDIA COUNSELING

Concordia Counseling, a Lutheran Outreach Ministry, was established on September 10, 2023, by resolution of the Lutheran Mission Federation of Jackson County to provide counseling care that is Biblically sound, clinically effective, and financially affordable as an outreach of the LCMS congregations in Southern Indiana. Our Opening Service on Sunday, August 25, 2024, celebrated the official launch of this outreach ministry, including the installation and commissioning of three full-time staff members. Our licensed mental health therapists are dually trained to offer Christ-centered and evidence-based care. If you want to schedule an appointment or learn more about our counseling services, please call (812) 671-8704 or appointments@concordiacounseling.org.

THE CHURCH OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP

With the celebration of our church’s 125th Anniversary, the office is still looking for a picture of confirmation years of 2007 -- 2019. **Questions, please contact Jo at the church office.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE TO THE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

St. Peter’s Prayer Garden is currently being refitted. All the old overgrown shrubs, pathways, damaged structures and statues have been removed. Following the new concrete, mulch and new plants will be placed. This project has been funded by members of St. Peter’s, but you are invited to contribute to the project too. If you would like to donate, please make out your check to *St. Peter’s Ev. Lutheran Church*, with *Prayer Garden* in the memo.

ST. PETER’S DAYCARE WISHLIST

The daycare is in need of supplies if you are willing to donate. The QR code will take you to the Daycare’s Amazon Wishlist, where you can order the supplies directly. Thank you for your tremendous help!



SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER NEEDED

The Board of Christian Ed. is in need of a helper to assist on Sunday mornings with Children's Sunday School. Depending on the Sunday, some classes are heavily attended - Praise God! - which means the teachers may need an extra hand in assisting the needs of the children. The helper would not be assigned to a particular class, but would be helping any given class as they have need for that Sunday. Contact Amanda Hanner. Thank You!

BIDS FOR JANITORIAL CLEANING AT CHURCH

Bids are being taken for cleaning the church. Deadline for returning the **sealed bid** is Monday, December 2nd in the church office by 4:00 PM. Questions contact a trustee (a list is at either door) or Brad Nolan at 812-569-1886 or e-mail brad@electric.info

Help the Lutheran Mission Federation Put Religious Children's Christmas Programs back on Television! Christmas Programs by "The Lutheran Hour"

Tentative Schedule Subject to change:

WBKI 58 or 34 – December 7 at 6:00 PM	Christmas Is
WAVE 3 NBC affiliate – December 15 at 12:30PM	The Little Shepherd
WDRB 41 Fox affiliate – December 22 at 6:30 PM	Red Boots for Christmas
WHAS 11 ABC affiliate – December 24 at 9:00 AM	The Stable Boy's Christmas

Contact Information: Ronald Rieckers - President, Lutheran Mission Fed. rjrieckers@live.com
Brandon Hunsley - Treasurer, Lutheran Mission Fed. bhunsley@jcbank.com - 812-524-4411

Send Donations to: Lutheran Mission Federation -- Brandon Hunsley Trust Dept.
P.O. Box 1001 -- Seymour, IN 47274-1001

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Coming on January 15, 16, 17, 18, 2025 the church will be having pictures taken for a new directory. Please keep watching the Sunday bulletin for updates. You will be registering on line for your appointment or someone will be available to help you with your appointment.

A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now out-dated and it is time for a new one. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken at the church office or by clicking the link of the church's Facebook page or by using your smartphone. Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. You will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at the time of photography. So please, sign-up starting on **Sunday, December 1st**.

ST. PETER'S 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Committees and Boards are reminded to have an annual report to the church office by January 16, 2025. These reports record events that happen throughout the year. Thank You.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRACTICES

There will be a Christmas practice for St. Peter's students in Kindergarten and Grades 1 - 8 on Sunday, December 8 and December 15 from 9:15 – 10:15 AM. They will be meeting in the church sanctuary. All students will be expected to attend. The Pre-School Sunday School class will continue to meet downstairs in the classroom during this same time frame. Thank you for your help.

ELDER REMINDER NOTICE

Member List for each Elder ******DUE DECEMBER 11th******: Elders were reminded to contact members and submit updates to those in their elder area to the office, this information will be used for the new church directory.

ST. PETER'S CARD MINISTRY

Thank you to the following ladies who have sent cards out for our Card Ministry this year: Arlene Ayers, Shirley Stuckwisch, Brenda Darlage, Sharon Pottschmidt, Amanda Hanner, Cathy Stuckwisch, Becky Hackman, Kathy Cunningham, Carol Blackwell, and Linda Melloncamp. Thank you, ladies, for your service to the church.

Looking for 12 volunteers to do one month of Card Ministry in 2025. Each volunteer serves one month to send cards to our sick, shut-ins, and special birthdays and anniversaries. Supplies are provided. If you would like to do this (or have any questions), please call Joyce Stuckwisch at 812-525-7138. Thank you in advance.

DAY CARE HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

On Sunday, December 15 between first and second services, located upstairs in the Gathering Area. Free Will Donations. This will benefit our Child Care Ministry.

SIGN-UP FOR DIRECTORY PICTURES

If you are unable to access the website to make your appointment for your pictures, the Church Office will be open for you on Sunday mornings from the time of service is over until 9:25 AM for Early Service and until 12:00 noon for Late Service. The Church Office can also help with your appointment during normal working hours.

And

For those who have access to the Church Website, Constant Contact, Church Bulletin, or your mobile devices, please use the QR code to take you directly to the site for sign-up.

And

If you need to cancel or change your appointment, please let Jo know at the Church Office.

Also, you will be receiving a recorded message from the Church, recorded by Pastor Schneider and the Directory Company to give you reminders of different events and times.

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK of December 1, 2024

Today: Sunday (December 1)

- + 8:00 AM Worship Service
- + 9:15 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
- + 10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
- + 1:00 PM Decorate the church for the holidays

Wednesday (December 4)

- + 6:00 PM Board of Christian Education meeting
- + 7:00 PM Advent Worship Service

Saturday (December 7)

- + 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM Adult Information Class

A LOOK AHEAD

Next Sunday (December 8)

- + 8:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
- + 9:15 – 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class in the Gathering Space
Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 8 in the Sanctuary for Christmas practice
and PreSchool Sunday School is in the regular place and time.
- + 10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday (December 9)

- + 5:15 PM Day Care Board meeting
- + 7:00 PM Advent Worship Service

Wednesday (December 11)

- + 6:00 PM Board of Trustees meeting
- + 8:00 PM Board of Elders meeting

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Our Members:

Carolyn Ira, health concerns**

Bill Elmer***

Todd Stark**

Those With Special Needs:

Megan Christopher, burn unit in Indianapolis***

Treasa Ray, mother-in-law of Tessa (Brad) Ray, recovering from a broken hip***

Blake Hackman****

Jeff Niewedde, brain injury and facial fractures and his ability to adapt more smoothly to sedation reduction in the coming days****

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:

Gary & Beth Kellermeier – 51 years

Greg & Jamie Walker – 24 years

Chad & Megan VanLiew – 8 years

Randy & Michelle Turmail – 10 years

Jack & Barbara Wheeler – 64 years

Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

December 2 – Owen Bolte, Heather Lutes, Charlotte Nichols, Connor Nichols, Ben Sitterding

December 3 – Jessica Fritz

December 4 – Kyle Lutes, Lucas Spencer

December 6 – Brenda Darlage, Kaela Singer, Ron Rieckers

December 7 – Todd East

Comfort To Those Who Mourn:

The family of Lois Sommers, sister of Leon (Becky) Hackman

Our Brownstown Area Shut-ins:

Ryan Christopher (home)

Bob Quade, Phyllis Zabel, Loretta Hoevener, Kip Hancock (Hoosier Christian Village)


2024 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 1 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion – Late Service and Sunday School for all grades	First Sunday in Advent
Wednesday, December 4 -- 7:00 PM No Holy Communion	Midweek Advent 1
Sunday, December 8 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion – Early Service and Sunday School for PreSchool and Practice for Kindergarten through Grade 8 in church sanctuary	Second Sunday in Advent
Wednesday, December 11 -- 7:00 PM No Holy Communion	Midweek Advent 2
Sunday, December 15 - 8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion – Early Service and Sunday School for PreSchool and Practice for Kindergarten through Grade 8 in church sanctuary	Third Sunday in Advent
Wednesday, December 18 -- 7:00 PM No Holy Communion	Children’s Service/Advent 3
Sunday, December 22 10:00 AM Holy Communion -Late Service and Sunday School for all grades	Fourth Sunday in Advent
Tuesday, December 24 -- 7:00 PM	Children’s Service
Tuesday, December 24 -- 9:00 PM No Holy Communion	Candlelight Service
Wednesday, December 25 -- 10:00 AM With Holy Communion	Christmas Day
Sunday, December 29 -- 8:00 & 10:30 AM No Holy Communion at either service & No Sunday School classes	First Sunday after Christmas
Tuesday, December 31 -- 7:00 PM With Holy Communion	New Year’s Eve Service
Sunday, January 5, 2025 -- 8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion – Late Service & No Sunday School classes	Epiphany (observed)
Sunday, January 12, 2025 -- 8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion – Early Service & Sunday School classes begins	125th Anniversary Kickoff

Our NEW Church Directory Won't Be Complete Without You!

- Each family photographed by Re:MEMBER and who view their proofs will receive a complimentary 8x10 and a copy of the directory.
- Specially priced portraits and frames
- Portraits available in Full Color, Black & White, and Sepia

Credit Cards Accepted



Re:MEMBER Church Directories



SIGN-UP DATES:

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

Sign-up dates are:

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Through January 5, 2025

January 15 (Wed.): 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM

January 16 (Thur.): 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM

January 17: (Friday): 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM

January 18: (Sat.) 10:00 PM – 10:50 AM

11:00 AM – 1:50 PM

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Advent 2024

Midweek Service Theme:

A Royal Wedding



Services:

Wednesday Dec. 4 at 7:00 PM

Wednesday Dec. 11 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Dec. 25 at 10:00 AM

The Scriptures use the image of a Bridegroom and bride to give us a picture of the relationship of God in Christ to us, the church. It's remarkable to think that God wants that kind of relationship with us. The union of a man and a woman as one flesh is as close and united as two persons can be, and this is how God wants to be with you and me.