



December 8, 2024
Second 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

WELCOME to Worship today! What a joy to be together in Christ! Please fill out the "Member" or "Guest" side of our Communication Card located in the pew racks. Please place them in the offering plate or hand to an elder during the singing of the first hymn. Prayer request cards are also available. Again, welcome!

THE LORD'S SUPPER is offered at the **8:00 AM service today** to all Confirmed members of our congregation.

+ For personal preparation for communion, use the following prayers:

Before communion (communing): Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

After Communion (Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament): Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

+ Lutherans who are in good standing with their own congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) are welcome to join with us in receiving this blessed meal.

+ Guests are asked to speak with the Pastor or elder **before** communing that they may properly understand the Lutheran teaching on the Lord's Supper.

+ Children, Teens, and Adults who have not yet completed confirmation instruction are invited to come forward with their row and cross their arms in front of their chest to receive a blessing from the Pastor during distribution.

+ White grape juice is available from the center of the individual cup tray.

+ Gluten-Free wafers are located in the silver dish at the center of the altar for you to pick up as you come forward. Standard wafers will be distributed to other communicants during the Distribution of the Supper.

+ Communion at the pew is available at the start of Distribution to those who sit in the second pew on either side.

+ Those with wheelchairs or walkers are invited to come forward with others who are communing. However, anyone who wishes to receive Communion at your seat please speak to an Elder or the Pastor prior to the start of Worship.

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



Pastor: Rev. Ryan Schneider

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Pastor's e-mail: pastor.stpetersbtown@gmail.com

Church Office: 10-Noon & 1:30-4 PM Monday thru Friday

812-358-2539

E-mail: churchoffice@stpetersbtown.com

Website: StPetersBtown.com

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, December 1: 241 General: \$ 7,965.00 Special Gifts: \$ 473.00 Capital: \$ 50.00

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: Lauren Campbell

10:30 AM Acolytes: Beau Fritz & Hank Stuckwisch

Advent Service (December 11) Acolyte: Brady England

Poinsettias are placed in loving memory of Paul & Barb Hoevenner's parents

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!

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.

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.

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!

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

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

They are available for you to pick up in the Gathering Area. Please do not use them until January 1, 2025. **Everyone is given a different number each year.** If there is a problem or you did not receive a set of envelopes, please call the church office. Please discard any past year envelopes after Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

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 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.

CONCORDIA COUNSELING JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Concordia Counseling: A Lutheran Outreach Ministry is an outreach of the Brownstown and Seymour Circuits of the Indiana District and a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We are currently accepting applications for a full-time **Outpatient Therapist** and a part-time **Intake, Training, and Events Coordinator**. Both positions will serve on-site at our center located on the campus of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seymour, IN.

Outpatient Therapist (Full-Time)

Qualified candidates will be active members of an LCMS congregation, able to obtain a professional license as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), and interested in providing distinctly Lutheran and Christ-centered counseling care. Candidates seeking either full or part-time status are encouraged to apply.

Intake, Training, and Events Coordinator (Part-Time)

The position will be responsible for responding to referrals for counseling and managing the Employee Assistance and Member Assistance Programs with our partner churches and community organizations. The person may also oversee special events, training and consultation, and other general office duties assigned by the director. The position will start at 10 hours per week with hours increasing to 20 hours per week as the center grows.

Applicants with the necessary credentials are encouraged to send a letter of inquiry to Michelle Downey at michelledowney@concordiacounseling.org or call our offices at (812) 671-8704. Positions may start as soon as January 1, 2025. Applications will continue to be accepted until the positions are filled.

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK of December 8, 2024

Today: 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

Wednesday (December 11)

- + 6:00 PM Board of Trustees meeting
- + 7:00 PM Advent Worship Service
- + 8:00 PM Board of Elders meeting

A LOOK AHEAD

Next Sunday (December 15)

- + 8:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
- Day Care Bake Sale between Services**
- + 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

Wednesday (December 18)

- + 1:00 PM Hoosier Christian Village service
- + 7:00 PM Children's Christmas Advent Service

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Our Members:

Amy Combs, gall bladder surgery*

Carolyn Ira, health concerns***

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, continue healing*

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:

Mark & Janet Kiewit – 27 years

Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

December 8 – Arlene Ayers, Madison Criminger, Bob Crowley, Nich Derringer, Alli Sparks

December 10 – Rowan Cassidy, Katie Rautenkranz

December 11 - Bob Nehrt, Joyce Stuckwisch, Chad VanLiew, Rhett Wessel, Bella Griner

December 12 – Eileen Pottschmidt

December 13 – Suzanne Bolte

December 14 – Morgan Berry, Denise Stevens

Comfort To Those Who Mourn:

The family of Kenny Pollert

The family of Bill Elmer, husband of Rose

2024 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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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.