



November 19, 2017

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by:
Jim and Ethel Wells honoring their 50 wedding anniversary
Margie and Keith Fites in memory of Steven Bianchi, our son.

Plan to be here for our Thanksgiving Eve service on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive here Monday, November 27, 11:30 AM-5 PM



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND @ 2:00 P.M.

We use graham crackers to build the houses and you can design your own house! You are welcome to bring friends with you. Just be sure to sign up at the welcome center so I can have enough supplies for everyone. Join us to make a house for yourself or to give as a gift! Questions?
See Nancy Carroll 762-4220.

Ladies: “The gifts I’d leave beneath your tree, Aren’t those that you can touch or see! Not wrapped in Christmas tissue gay but gifts to bless you every day! The gift of friendship warm and true is one that I would leave for you!”... Join us at our next Gab ’n Eat for lunch 12noon on Sat. Dec. 16th at The Merrillville Tea Room 7005 Madison, Merrillville“Good health and happiness and cheer to keep you smiling through the year! The gift of peace that comes from God with prayer to guide each path you trod; and when your heart has lost its song: The gift of hope to cheer you on! These are the gifts I’d leave for you!” Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Carpool: 11:30AM (bring a \$5.00 grab bag gift -only if you want to)

“MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL”

December 17, Sunday School Family Christmas Party after the late service. Please sign up at the Welcome Center that you can attend so we can plan for food and games. Please attend!



Ladies Guild Christmas Party: Sunday, December 3rd 2PM. Come meet your prayer partner receive a new one & bring a wrapped bingo gift. Sign up to bring a side dish and Please sign-up to come. Lots of fun and laughing going on!

From the Ladies Guild:

- **Mite Boxes will be passed out** on November 5 and will be out until the end of February. Mite boxes will be in the Narthex for your convenience.

We Need Your Help! In order to keep our budget manageable, we have been having members clean the church rather than hire a service. A rather small group of volunteers has been handling this for quite a while. **If you could sign up to clean just once in a while, it would be a great blessing!** Put together a team from your friends and family! “Many hands make light labor!”

Garbage to Goodies: Please collect plastic bottle tops from milk gallons, drinks, water etc. Also card fronts, stamps, pop tops and Campbell Soup labels. Turn them in at the bookshelf in the hallway in the old narthex. Plastic tops go to an organization in Valparaiso that makes benches!!! Please save your pop cans and turn them in to the recycle center here at the church. Those donations go to the church!

Speaking of benches made from plastic caps, Joleen Wilson said St. Peter is on the list to receive a bench made from our donated caps and lids. The benches are made in Evansville.

You Never Know when your donation to the church’s food pantry will be a blessing to someone. Your food and personal items are given to congregation members who are in need. We are now asking for additional donations to re-stock items.

Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday, November 21 7 pm, Thanksgiving Eve Service

Monday, November 27 11:30 – 5 pm Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 29, Bible Study 10 AM, Community Dinner 5:30 PM Advent Service 7 PM

Sunday, December 3, 2:00 PM Ladies Guild Christmas

Wednesday, December 6, Bible Study 10 AM, Community Dinner 5:30 PM Advent Service 7 PM

Tuesday, December 12, Council 7 pm

Wednesday, December 13. Bible Study 10 AM, Community Dinner 5:30 PM Advent Service 7 PM

Sunday, December 17, at 10:00 am between services, Voters Meeting to vote on officers and budget for next year. Sunday School Christmas Party 12:10 PM – see sign

up

Wednesday, December 20, Bible Study 10 AM, Community Dinner 5:30 PM Advent Service 7 PM

Sunday, December 24, 9 and 11 am and 7 and 11 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 31, services 9 and 11 PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Envelopes are available at the bulletin table for donations to the Parking Lot Fund & for the Mortgage

Offering \$2,301 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)

Mortgage \$470 (weekly need \$640)

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

9:00

11:00

Greeters:

Lector Donna Pleasant

Chris Dahlin

Ushers: Marty Riley

Bob Duron

This Week at St. Peter : November 19-26, 2017

Sunday Early Service 9 a.m. Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.
Late Service 11 a.m.

Tuesday..... **Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 pm**

Wednesday..... **BIBLE STUDY – 10 am**

Praise Team practice 7 p.m.

Thursday..... **Happy Thanksgiving**

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Visit the church's Facebook page for up to date information including

CANCELLATIONS - www.stpeterportage.com

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REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

John Gallagher, Ruth Imhof, Donna Flint-Wood, Ginnie Galanos, Connie Carney, Howard and Deb Wilson, Joleen Wilson, Alice Miller, Mike Lemond, Matthew McCall, Karen Ackermann, John Spencer, Brenda and Bob Busch, Kenita Kersten, John Newlin, Tiffany Richards, Betty and Dick Hull, Donna Potchen, Michael Cooper, Tina Gurniewicz, Loraine Giertz, Dorothy Anderson, Cathy Laatsch, Lindsay Hietz, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Phoebe Wilson, Pat Newlin, Pauline and Mark Krill, and the many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones and those in harm's way thru natural disasters or through

the evil actions of others .

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Veronica Labonte	11/3
Robert Busch	11/5
Cheryl Lambert	11/6
Mary Shaw	11/6
Sherey Shoble	11/6
Zachary Young	11/7
Diane Maynard	11/9
David Nelson	11/9
McKenzie Temme	11/9
Mark Krill	11/10
Nancy Burcaw	11/12
Donna Flint-Wood	11/12
Victoria Luster-Bartz	11/17
Leo Berg	11/20
Marlene Lepyesh	11/20
Joyce Giertz	11/21
Robert Kuhn	11/22
Drake Guerrero	11/24
Cheryl Steinhubel	11/24
John Carney	11/25
Jennica Wickhorst	11/25
Jack Saylor	11/29
Betty Hull	11/30