



December 24, 2017

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by:

Ed Gottschling in remembrance of Ed and Nina's 12/29 Anniversary; Jim and Ethel Wells in honor of Susan Lackey's birthday; Joleen Wilson in memory of her father William Burk; Mary Lou Allard in memory of Allen Allard and her brother Aaron

Ladies: "May The Stars Shine Upon Your Life, May Gorgeous Flowers Blossom Your Life, May The New Year Rock Your Life"... Join us at our next Gab 'n Eat for breakfast 10AM on Sat. Jan.20th at Tate's"And May God Bless And Protect You All Through The Year!" Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Just meet there. Wishing you all a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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!"

Sunday School notes: We would like to thank our Church family for a wonderful time at our Sunday School Christmas party this past Sunday, along with those who helped to make the beautiful ornaments for our wonderful Seniors. It was a joy to remind our students that Jesus is the reason for the season! Thanks to all of those who helped and gave their support. We sincerely appreciate it!

Also, just a reminder, that our Advent Food Pantry drive is still in need of dry goods as well as food items for those in need. If you can drop these items off either inside or outside the Jonah Room across from the Coat Room, we would truly appreciate it! We will stop collecting after the Second Service on Sunday, December 31, 2017.

Thank you again for your continued support of our Sunday School Program. May all of you have a very blessed, happy, and healthy Christmas and New Year!

Sincerely,
Tiffany

Our church food pantry is running low, and the need for items is great. Please take advantage of food store sales to pick up an item or two as you do your weekly shopping to help maintain a food supply for people less able to purchase food.

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, please notice the beautiful green bench that was donated by Pines Village, made from the bottle caps you have donated.

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

Sunday, December 24, 9 and 11 am morning service and 7 pm and 11 pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Sunday, December 31, services 9 and 11 PM

Saturday, January 20, 10 AM Gab n Eat at Tates on Willowcreek

Last Sunday's Offering

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

Offering \$2874 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)

Mortgage \$445 (weekly need \$640)

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

9:00 a.m.

Greeter:
Lector: Mike Lemond
Ushers: Marty Riley

11:00 a.m.

Wendy Harnung
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Bob Duron

7:00 p.m.

Greeter:
Lector: Linda Lemond
Usher: Marty Riley

11:00 p.m.

Donna Pleasant

This Week at St. Peter : Dec 24, 2017

Sunday Early Service 9 a.m. Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs
Sunday School and. **VOTERS MEETING** 10 am
Late Service 11 a.m.
Christmas Eve Services - 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Wednesday..... Praise Team practice 7 p.m.

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

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, Jim Gilbert, Ruth Imhof, Donna Flint-Wood and her mother, Ginnie Galanos, Connie Carney; Howard, Deb and Ari Wilson; Joleen Wilson, Mike Lemond, 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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Berquist 12/1
Nancy Gobin 12/1
Sandy Barden 12/3
Gabby Santaquilani 12/3
Charlene Uhles 12/5
Jeffery Camp Sr. 12/7
Jennifer Santaquilani 12/7
Joseph Blackwell 12/11
Paul Fuscoe 12/12
Pam Hass 12/12
Virginia Galanos 12/13
Claira Thaxton 12/13
Kelly Edwards 12/14
Jane Krohn 12/15
Julia Rex 12/15
Halie Minard 12/17
Erica Harnung 12/18
Phoebe Wilson 12/21
Susan Lackey 12/22
Ro Guerrero 12/23
Tiffany Richards 12/23
Amanda Maynard 12/26
Lisa (Carroll) Forshey 12/27
Audrey Wilocki 12/29