

Merry Christmas



May the peace and blessings
of Christmas be yours;
And may the coming year
be filled with joy.



PosterMyWall.com



St. PETER
LUTHERAN CHURCH
stpeterportage.com

Stewardship Moment

Luke 1:45 – “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance. The same faithfulness in God gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.



**Altar flowers this
week are to the
Glory of God**

Please Note

Altar Flowers are \$15 per arrangement. Please pre-pay for your flowers in the Church Office at least one week in advance.

WELCOME

We are so glad You are here!

DECEMBER 23, 2018

St. Peter Weekly Announcements



**Save the date! St. Peter's 2nd
Annual Germanfest**

**will take place on Saturday,
September 28, 2019 at Founders Square.**

We are looking for volunteers to help with acquiring vendors, sponsors and developing a marketing plan. Job descriptions for each area are below. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Jen Santaquilani at Jennifer12778@comcast.net, call or text (219) 381-1138 or talk to her after Sunday service.

Vendor Volunteers: attend craft fairs and events (starting in November), pass out vendor applications, talk to potential vendors about Germanfest and/or pick up business cards for follow up. We will coordinate who will attend what event at the meeting.

Sponsorship Volunteers: drop off sponsorship packets to businesses, talk to potential sponsors, help research potential sponsor. We will coordinate who will contact potential sponsors at the meeting.

Marketing Volunteers: research marketing options both local and regional, help distribute fliers, posters and signs (distribution will begin in 2019), assist with social media and updating the Germanfest website.

Attention Ladies

Ladies: “Thank You Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend,”... Join us at our next “Gab ‘n Eat” Saturday Jan. 19th for breakfast 10A.M at: Schoops. ...“Give me strength & courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things. Each new day filled with joy & happiness it brings. Amen.” **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center!

**It's time again to sign up
for cleaning the church. We
have 6 more months to fill!!**

**The calendar is on the
welcome desk!
Thanks! -Kelly**

Church Council

We will have the next Council Meeting **On Tuesday,
January 15, 2018 at 7:00pm.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Join us for St. Peter's
Christmas Eve Services on
Monday Dec 24, 2018
7:00pm & 11:00 pm**



New volunteer opportunity: Volunteers needed for offering counters in 2019, this will be for both services on the day you sign up. Simple instructions will be provided before your first time. Please sign up at the welcome desk or see Kelly Roscoe if you have any questions.

Please Note our Holiday Office Hours:

The church office will be closed the following dates : December 24, 2018- January 1 2019

This week at St. Peter...

Sunday 12/23	Monday 12/24	Tuesday 12/25	Wednesday 12/26	Sunday 12/30
Early Service 9a.m. (Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs)	Christmas Eve Services	Merry Christmas!!	No Bible Study	Early Service 9a.m. (Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs)
Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 10a.m.	7:00 pm & 11:00 pm	Office is closed 12/24-1/1		Sunday school and Late Service 11a.m.

CELEBRATING DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Kelly Berquist	Dec 1
Nancy Gobin	Dec 1
Sandy Barden	Dec 3
Gabby Santaquilani	Dec 3
Charlene Uhles	Dec 5
Tana Badgley	Dec 7
Jeffery Camp Sr	Dec 7
Jennifer Santaquilani	Dec 7
Steven Lehmann	Dec 8
Howard Wilson Jr	Dec 10
Joseph Blackwell	Dec 11
Paul Fuscoe	Dec 12
Pam Hass	Dec 12
Virginia Galanos	Dec 13
Claira Thaxton	Dec 13
Kelly Edwards	Dec 14
Jane Krohn	Dec 15
Julia Rex Rosales	Dec 15
Halie Minard	Dec 17
Erica Harnung	Dec 18
Matthew Cody	Dec 21
Susan Lackey	Dec 22
Adam Cody	Dec 23
Ro Guerrero	Dec 23
Tiffany Richards	Dec 23
Amanda Maynard	Dec 26
Lisa Carroll	Dec 27
Sue Riley	Dec 27
Audrey Wilocky	Dec 29

Serving in the Lord's House

9am 11am

Lector: Jim Wells Wendy H
Greeter: Marty R Wendy H
Usher: Marty R Bob Duron

Last Sunday's Offering

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

Offering - \$ 2,282.00(weekly need \$3028.00 operating budget)

Mortgage- \$327.00



We have a new LCC Comfort Dog in NW Indiana! His name is Caleb and he is 2 years old. He has been placed at Immanuel Lutheran in Valparaiso. He spent a lot of time with Barnabas during his training to learn how to be a great comfort dog.



Now Accepting donations for our food pantry

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 & community members who are in need. We are now asking for additional donations to re-stock items.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Susan Lackey, Dawn White & Family, Tina Gurniewicz, Virginia Galanos, Margie Fites & Family, Bill & Nancy Webber, Lee Riley, Shirley Kuhn, Dorothy Coons, Marge Shery, Kenita Kersten, John Gallagher, Wanda Gilbert, Kristina Thaxton; Ruth Imhof, Donna Flint-Wood and her mother Eleanor, ; Howard, Deb and Ari Wilson; Joleen Wilson, Mike Lemond, Karen Ackermann, John Spencer, Brenda and Bob Busch, Pat and John Newlin, Tiffany Richards, Betty and Dick Hull, Michael Cooper, Loraine Giertz, Dorothy Anderson, Cathy Laatsch, Lindsay Hietz, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Pauline and Mark Krill, and many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Have a Prayer Request that you would like St. Peter's Prayer Chain to know about? Please feel free to fill out a prayer slip on the bulletin table, or email /call the office with your request.

Stay Connected!



Visit our Church's Webpage!
www.stpeterportage.com



'Like' us on Facebook & visit our page for up to date information including cancellations & upcoming events.
<https://www.facebook.com/StPeterPortage/>



'Follow' St. Peter Lutheran Church on Twitter

Church Office Hours M-F 9am-12pm
Phone: 219-762-2673

Email: office@stpeterportage.com

Please send announcements by Wednesday at 12pm at the latest

Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer

Phone: 989-907-9481

Email: pastorben@stpeterportage.com