

Second Sunday of Advent December 3rd and 4th 2022 St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, December 3rd and 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 4th. Sunday worship is also broadcast live on WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio and livestreamed on our Facebook Page.

INTRODUCTION: *At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases, we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING SONG *Light One Candle for Watch for Messiah* ELW 240 Verse 2

Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Use this blessing when lighting two candles.
Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.
You fasten righteousness around your waist
and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.
Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames,
and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.
We ask that peace abound,
until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings, **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin,
the feast is ready to begin.

2 Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine.

Refrain

3 The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (On Sunday) (Setting Four- ELW pg. 147)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST (On Sunday) (Setting Four- ELW pg. 149)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God

and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, **to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
²**that he may rule your people righteously
and the ^l poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";
¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";
¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";
¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."
¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (setting four- ELW pg. 151) (Sunday only)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

KID TALK (On Sunday Only)

MESSAGE

Pastor Hillary

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW #250

1 Blessed be the God of Israel
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.

So have the prophets long declared
that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all who wish us harm.

2 With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.

3 My child, as prophet of the Lord
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Assisting Minister)

(After each prayer, please respond with the words "**hear our prayer.**")

SHARING THE PEACE

(You are invited to greet one another by motioning a greeting or sign of peace from where you are seated)
May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministries here at St. Peter and our mission partners. For worship today, we have an offering plate available on the usher table. We invite you to place your offerings there as you come or as you leave today. Our offerings support the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. During the Offering, children of the congregation are invited to help collect the Hungry Jar offerings and bring them forward to the Hungry Jar. The Hungry jar for December is: **ELCA FUND FOR LEADERS** There are multiple options for sharing your offering. Please see the back page of the bulletin for more information.

OFFERING PRAYER (Assisting Minister)

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING (setting four- ELW pg. 152)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING WITH US ONLINE and ON THE RADIO

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion here — All who seek the forgiveness that Jesus Christ offers in this meal are welcome. All those in worship will be invited to come forward by our ushers during Communion. Those receiving Communion will be given a wafer of bread and then also a glass of wine or grape juice. If you prefer grape juice, please let your server know. If you prefer to receive the pre-packaged Communion kit, those are available on a small table as you come forward to receive Communion. Those not yet receiving Communion or choosing not to today are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. You can indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you. If you would like to receive Communion or a blessing and it is best for you to remain seated, please indicate this to the usher; and we will come to you.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (*continuous*)

LAMB OF GOD (Setting Four- ELW pg. 154) (Sunday only)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Assisting Minister)

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ELW #256

- 1 "Comfort, comfort now my people;
tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim
that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over;
God will reign in peace forever.
- 2 For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance,
since the reign of God is here.

- Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Valleys, rise to greet the Savior;
hills, bow down in humble favor.
- 3 Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken.

DISMISSAL (Assisting Minister)

Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship

- We are so glad that you can join us for worship! **We gather for worship on Saturday evenings at 5:15 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.** We will celebrate Holy Communion each week together. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to please fill out a blue visitor card and place it in the offering plate on the table at the back of the church.
- **We also broadcast our Sunday worship services live** via 104.3 FM and 980 AM and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterpdc/>. For your convenience the Sunday bulletin is posted weekly on our website on Friday: www.stpeterpdc.org. Sunday worship services are recorded and posted to Facebook, so that you can worship later in the week as well: Please reach out to the church office if you would like help with the technology of connecting with us for worship from home.

Prayer List Updates:

- Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Joyce Siegele who passed away last week.
- Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Tracy Larson who passed away last week.
- Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Luke Hackman who passed away last week.
- Prayers of thanksgiving to God for the ministry of Theresa among us these past 4 years. We also pray for blessings upon her in this time of transition to retirement.

Staff Update:

- Theresa Hauber, our beloved church Administrative Assistant, has announced her retirement. She will continue to serve with us full-time through the end of December. Please take time to greet her and express your thanks for her years of faithful, joyful, and diligent service on staff at St. Peter. Theresa joined the staff during a time of transition at the beginning of 2019 (almost 4 years ago). She helped to lead the church through a time without a called pastor beginning the summer of 2019. She helped to welcome both Pastor Miranda and Pastor Hillary to St. Peter. We give thanks to God for the ways in which Theresa has served with love, care, attention to detail, hospitality, and a deep faith in Jesus.
- It will be difficult to fill Theresa's shoes here at St. Peter. We ask for all of your help as we begin to spread word that we are now in the process of hiring for a full-time Administrative Assistant. May the Lord bless Theresa and St. Peter in this new season of transition.

ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

FULL-TIME with BENEFITS

QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Strong Technology, Communications, and Clerical Skills**
- **Knowledge of Microsoft Office and Accounting Principles**
- **Excellent People Skills and Attention to Detail**

**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
TO RECEIVE A FULL JOB DESCRIPTION.**

Submit your Resume and Cover Letter to:
St. Peter Executive Committee, PO Box 37, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
or stpeterpdc@hotmail.com

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
201 S Michigan St., Prairie du Chien, WI 53821 * 608-326-6411

This Week's Events

- **Second Sunday of Advent - Worship with Communion** at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, December 3rd.
- **Second Sunday of Advent - Worship with Communion** *also broadcast on WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio and on our Facebook Page* - 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 4th.
 - Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. at St. Peter.
 - Bible Study for youth and adults at 10:15 a.m. at St. Peter
 - Worship at the Prison at 1:30 p.m.
 - High School connection night at 6:30 p.m. – Meet at Los Azteca's.
- Pastors' day off – Monday, December 5th. Pastor Miranda is on call for pastoral emergencies.
- Yesterday's Youth at Sugar Creek Bible Camp – 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 5th.
- Text Study for the Pr. Miranda and Hillary – 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 6th.
- WELCA Meeting – 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 6th.
- Staff Meeting – 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 6th.
- St. Peter Devotional on WPRE (104.3 FM and 980 AM) – Approx. 9:15 a.m. Wed, December 7th
- Worship at Prairie Maison and Bluff Haven – 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 7th.
- PDC Clergy Meeting – 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 7th.
- Food for Confirmation – 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, December 7th.
- Confirmation Ministry – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 7th.
- Stewardship Meeting – 11:30 a.m. Thursday, December 8th.
- Finance Meeting – 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8th.
- Worship and Music Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8th.
- Church in Society Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8th.
- Choir – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8th.
- **Third Sunday of Advent – Contemporary Worship with Communion** at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, December 10th.
- **Third Sunday of Advent – Contemporary Worship with Communion** *also broadcast on WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio and on our Facebook Page* - 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 11th.
 - Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. at St. Peter.
 - Adult Discipleship at 10:15 a.m. at St. Peter.

Christmas Worship Schedule **save the date**



This year we will again have two worship times on Christmas Eve, December 24th

Christmas Eve 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve 6:00 PM

We will also have a Christmas Day worship service at 9:00 AM on Sunday, December 25th



Christmas Poinsettias Last Week to order!

Would you like to provide a beautiful poinsettia for the front of the church during our Christmas Eve services? This year the 6" potted plants are \$7.99 each. To remember or honor special people in your life, provide the information requested below and place with your check in the offering plate, or you may mail your request and check to the church office at PO Box 37, Prairie du Chien, WI. We must have your order no later than **Monday, December 5th**. Plants will be available to take home after the latest service on Christmas Eve. Please print legibly:

Your Name: _____ the # of poinsettias: _____ The name of the person you wish to **honor** or **remember**. (please specify): _____

Grace Happens Here **Appeal Update and Thank You!**

The 2022 Stewardship Appeal, ***Grace Happens Here*** is well underway- Thank you! Congregation members are working on preparing Statements of Intent as we seek to reach our goal of a \$20,000 increase in annual giving as a congregation. These funds will provide resources for our 2023 mission goals and for our continued ministries of worship; pastoral care; outreach; and discipleship for children youth, and adults. **In the first few days of our collective response, we have received intent cards from 46 households for a total of \$5200 in additional intended giving toward our goal. Thank you!** Together, we are on a mission we can fulfill!

Also, so far **seven** new households have taken the step of faith of completing a Statement of Intent- how wonderful! Thank you!

And we're still early in our responses. *If you haven't yet returned your intent card, we invite you to prayerfully consider your intention to give in 2023 and to then complete a Statement of Intent.* You can mail your intent card, place it in the offering plate, or drop it off at the church office. Thank you for your partnership and for your generosity in response to God's amazing grace and love!

Women of the ELCA Events

- **WELCA Business Meeting Monday, December 6th at 2:00 PM**
- **On Wednesday, December 14th Rachel Circle will meet at Bluff Haven at 10:00 a.m.** (No limits on numbers indoors-all are welcome to join in the women's bible study)
- **Thursday Quilting will not meet in November or December.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL at St. Peter

10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings for 3k (and potty-trained) thru 5th Grade youth
Teaming with families in the growth of their child's faith by providing a fun, loving, and safe community where children meet, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

We will begin with a gathering time indoors in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 a.m.

Save the Date – St. Peter Sunday school classes and youth will be leading us in worship, December 18th, through the stories of some of the most cherished Advent and Christmas hymns!

Rehearsals: Dec. 4th, 10:15-11am and 11th, 10:15-11:30am

No Sunday School – Dec. 18th, Dec. 25th, and Jan. 1st

Dec 24th- Sunday School kids sing with the Choir at the 4PM service

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY at St. Peter

Discipleship Training, Prayer, Fun, & Friendship for 6th-8th graders! Classes are held from 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesdays at St. Peter (optional meal offered at 5:45 p.m.)

Upcoming Schedule:

- December 7th:: Confirmation Classes by grade level
- December 14th: Confirmation Christmas Party
- December 21st: Christmas Break- No Sunday School
- December 28th: Christmas Break- No Sunday School
- January 4th: Confirmation Resumes

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY- 9th -12th Grade Students

Time to connect, serve, pray, have fun, grow in faith, and build friendships.

- Sunday, December 4th: **High School Check-In Night at 6:30 p.m. - meet at Los Azteca's** for chips and salsa and a chat. Time to connect, share highs and lows, pray for the week, and have a short devotion.
- Sunday, December 18th: **High School Christmas Party** and White Elephant Gift Exchange. **AND SUMMER MISSION TRIP and YOUTH TRIP INFO NIGHT.**

DATE	DAY	USHER	ASSISTING MINISTER	READER	COMM. SERVER	ACOLYTE	EASY WORSHIP	CAMERA
12/3/22	SAT	Jon and Jenny Lindberg	Kelly Gochenaur	Jenny Lindberg	Kelly Gochenaur	Lane Henderson	N/A	N/A
12/4/22	SUN	Ron and Kathy Wikan		Cheryl Mader	Cheryl Mader	Wyatt Buckley Aiden Kruempel	Thomas Family	Matt

Annual Meeting Save the Date

Our congregation's annual meeting is currently scheduled for January 22, 2023 at 10:15 AM or shortly after worship ends. When we meet, all voting members are encouraged to attend. A voting member is anyone who has joined and is a member of our congregation and/or has been confirmed. Even if you are not eligible to vote, but are involved in the ministry of St. Peter you are more than welcome to attend. **All committee reports need to be submitted to the church office by Monday, January 2nd.**



Pastoral Care

- If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, would like home communion, would like to visit with one of the pastors, or is in need of pastoral care; please call the church office at (608-326-6411). **Or reach out to the pastors directly via a call or text: Pastor Miranda's cell phone number is 815-291-5793 and Pastor Hillary's cell phone number is 319-290-8641.** *With rules about confidentiality, we often do not know that a family member is sick or in need unless you call.*
- **If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list at St. Peter, please call the church office at (608-326-6411).** We kindly ask that you please get permission from the individual or their family to add them. All names added to the list will remain on the list for up to 6 weeks unless someone calls to have the person remain longer.

Sharing Your Offering

Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministries here at St. Peter and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **You can share your offering during in-person worship.**
- **You can mail your check** to the church at **PO Box 37, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821.** *If you are a household with giving envelopes, please mail it in that envelope. If you do not have giving envelopes, please contact the church office and Theresa will get envelopes for you.*
- **You can give through Simply Giving**, an automated online giving program we have used successfully for years here at St. Peter. An authorization form can be found online at https://htlcmpls.org/website/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/vanco_auth_form1.pdf or you can call the church office at (608) 326-6411
- **You can also set up an offering at your bank** using free Bill Pay service to have the bank print and mail your check to the church.
- **You can give online at stpeterpdc.org** on the Home page, scroll down to the "Give" button or select the Give tab at the top to be directed to Vanco/Simply Giving.

Also don't forget the Hungry Jar. The Hungry jar for November is:



ELCA Fund for Leaders

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