

LEAD WITH LOVE

Prayer Encouragers... after worship. After the closing hymn or song, you are welcome to come to the front of the sanctuary to the stained-glass windows to meet with a prayer encourager, who will be available each weekend at all services. "Pray for one another..."

Lutheran High North Musical Celebration of Christ's Birth: Come enjoy the free concert by 4 different LHN bands and choirs, this afternoon (Sunday) at 3 p.m. here at St. Peter.

Women's Ministry Christmas Party: Thursday, December 10, at 7pm in Room 6. Jim and Susan Kaiser will lead us in focusing on our Christmas Blessings as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Women's Ministry Cookie Walk: Next weekend - December 12th & 13th after all services. Looking for volunteers to bake cookies for this event. Cookies can be dropped off in the church kitchen between Noon and 2pm on Dec. 12th. Proceeds support missions around the world. Get ready to buy some homemade tasty delights!

Women's Ministry Leads in Singing Christmas Carols: Join us at the Villages as we share the Christmas Spirit in song Wednesday, December 16, at 10 a.m. Then, we will enjoy fellowship and a good lunch at the Family Restaurant in Armada. Call Vickie (586.749.3325).

Food Pantry: Thanks to all who helped with our November Food Pantry. Our congregation served 125 families with meals. Thank you!

Signs! Our outdoor signage is now completely installed. We will continue to evaluate our needs outdoors as we now turn our attention to the next phase of installing signage indoors. Sufficient funds remain from the first stage to provide these additional signs.

Ads and Corrections for Church Phone Directory: As noted in the Keynotes, the deadline to have corrections in for the telephone directory is next weekend Dec. 13th. Submit them to the Church Office. Contact Heather Stewart at Cathedral Directories at 248-545-1415, ext. 110, for more information on putting in an ad to help with publishing costs.

"Celebrate the Child" Here's the concert to go to – the Lutheran Choralaires celebrate 63 years in song Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 7:30pm. Join them at downtown Historic Trinity, 1345 Gratiot, \$12.50 per adult and \$6.00 for age 12 and under. Secured parking is available.

SIT FOR WORSHIP

Our ADVENT themes for 2009: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE...

What's in the candle? Join us to see and experience God's gifts!

Advent... The word "advent" is from the Latin word for "coming," and as such, describes the "coming" of our Lord Jesus Christ into the flesh. Advent specifically focuses on Christ's "coming," but Christ's coming manifests itself among us in three ways--past, present, and future. The readings which highlight Christ's coming in the past focus on the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation at Bethlehem. The readings which highlight Christ's coming in the future focus on his "second coming" on the Last Day at the end of time. And the readings which highlight Christ's coming in the present focus on his ministry among us through Word and Sacrament today. (lcms.org)

Advent and Christmas Schedule, December 2009

- Dec. 6 Today - Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 6 LHN Christmas Concert – 3PM
- Dec. 9 Wed Advent II – School Band/Choir/Handbells – 7PM
- Dec. 13 Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 13 Dayschool Grades 3 & 4 Christmas Program – 4PM
- Dec. 15 Young 5's Christmas Program – 5:30PM @ Kaiser Hall
- Dec. 15 Mrs. Krueger's 4 Year Old Program 6:15PM @ Kaiser Hall
- Dec. 16 Wednesday Advent III – Choir/Handbells/Brass - 7PM
- Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 20 9:30AM Community Children's Christmas (no Comm)
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve – 3:00PM & 4:30PM Family Worship
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve – 9:00PM and 11:00PM with Communion
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day – 10AM
- Dec. 27 Regular Sunday Morning worship (8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.)

Please note: No Sat. worship, Dec. 26th. No Mon. worship, Dec. 28th.

Youth: High School students we will be meeting each week after the Wednesday night Advent service from 8:30-9:30 in a different location. It's a "Fireside Chat" to give us a chance to reflect on the season. This week (December 9th) we will be at Jake Piette's house. Check out our Facebook page for more information.

7/8th students we will continue to meet for Bible study on the Tuesdays of December (8th & 15th) at HIS Rock from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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WALK IN HIS WORD

December Schedule for Bible Class and Sunday School

Here's an overview of what's coming up in the next weeks/month:

Adult Bible Class, Sundays, December 6, 13, and 20, in Library.

We'll explore the Gospel readings from Luke's Gospel!

(Youth and parents are invited to attend the Adult class.)

The Truth Project, Today, Rm 9.

Sunday School Children (Ages Preschool through 6th grade)

You are invited to join us for singing and a story as we prepare for the Community Children's Christmas Service on December 20th. Children will meet on Sundays, December 6 and 13, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., in Kaiser Hall. Parents are welcome to attend and participate.

Youth: *College* Bible study at HIS Rock every Monday at 8 p.m.

5/6th grade students we are going to be meeting at the Kern's on Sunday night, December 20th, for some good ol' fashion Christmas caroling. Afterwards, hot chocolate and lots of goodies.

8th and 7th Grade Confirmation: NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES until Orientation, January 10th, (9:30 in Kaiser Hall or Lounge) or January 11th, Monday evening, 6 p.m., in Room 6 (8th Grade only). Our next topics for 8th Graders are The Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Our next topic for 7th Graders is the New Testament.

Wednesday Truth Project has moved to Mondays. December 14 concludes our DVD study. Please note: We'll meet at the home of John and Ellie Fitzpatrick at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call John and Ellie at 248.608.6972. Join us for the final session.

Wednesday Financial Peace University (FPU) has moved to Tuesday during Advent. Last class ... December 8, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays in the Word 2010 ... begins January 13th, 7 p.m.

Choose from two classes: our New Member Class for adults and high school youth interested in joining St. Peter Congregation; and the book of Jeremiah. Anyone interested in more information on our New Member Class, please email Frieda at fschluessler@splcs.com.

Coming after Christmas: The Wednesday morning Women's Bible study group, Women in the Word (9:30 in Rm. 6), will again study some Psalms in the devotional study, "A New Song: Save me, O My God!" You will be encouraged and uplifted when tossed about by life's crashing waves. Call Charmaine in the church office to sign up/order your book.

FOLLOW TO SERVE

High School students, we have mailed out an informational flier with details for our exciting summer mission trips happening in 2010. Also, there is information about our Spring Hill winter retreat on the back of the flier. If you don't receive this mailing, please contact Bo at bchapman@splcs.com to make sure it gets to you.

Christmas Gifts for Nursing Home Residents at The Villages: Formerly known as Fair Acres Nursing Home, we share God's love with The Villages each Christmas by individually buying and giving residents gifts. Sign up in the Church Office. Buy the gifts, wrap them and leave them by the designated Christmas tree in the back of the church **by December 6th**. **Correction from Keynotes:** It is **NOT** okay to bring these gifts to the Women's Ministry meeting as that is too late. Info: Vickie Wangelin, (586) 749-3325.

Pictorial Directory: Sign up for your picture session today between services. Pictures will be taken Monday through Friday, December 28 to January 15 from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, December 26 through January 16 at 9:30 to 4:00 p.m. Please see the volunteers at the sign up tables in the narthex (back of sanctuary) for more information.

2010 Offering Envelopes are HERE! Check the tables in the back of the sanctuary and pick yours up today! The envelopes are arranged in **numerical** order. Remember there may be more than one set of envelopes for families with children living at home. If you do not remember your envelope number there is an alphabetized reference list for your use at each end of the tables. Or, jot the number down from your current envelope before you put yours in the offering today! Please inform the church office if you cannot find your envelopes.

Board of Stewardship

Pre-Marriage Retreats: Planning a wedding at St. Peter? One-day retreats are required for all couples who desire to be married here. Couples may select one of three identical Retreat weekends. (**You need only attend one!**) Next dates are **Saturday, January 16, 2010**, or **Saturday, April 17, 2010**. 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (lunch provided; breakfast on your own). Contact the Church Office to register.

Blood Pressure Checks: Next Sunday after the 8 & 9:30 services in the Brides/Ushers Room at the back of the sanctuary.