

Jan. 7-8, 2017

Epiphany

Liturgy: CW pg. 26

Psalm: Psalm 72 – see insert

First lesson: ..... Isaiah 60: 1-6

Second lesson ..... Ephesians 3: 2-12

Gospel: ..... Matthew 2: 2b

Sermon text ..... Isaiah 60: 1-6

Speaker, Rev. Newlin Schafer

Hymns: 83, 80, 84, (92, 93), 402

Schedule

7 Sat	4:00 pm Worship service w/altar communion
8 Sun	8:00 am Worship service w/altar communion 9:15 am SPL Adult & Youth Bible Hour 10:30 am Worship service w/altar communion <b>11:30 am Special Congregational meeting</b>
9 Mon	3:15 pm Faculty meeting 6:00 pm Stewardship committee meeting
10 Tue	10:00 am Pastor's study club 6:00 pm School Board meeting
11 Wed	10:15 am Crossroads Care Center 11:15 am Manor 5:00 pm PSI 6:00 pm Finance/Trustee meeting
12 Thur	6:00 pm F.A.C.E. meeting
14 Sat	4:00 pm Worship service <b>5:00 – 7:00 pm All Member Fun Night in Commons</b>
15 Sun	8:00 am Worship service 9:00 am Scrip sales 9:15 am SPL Adult & Youth Bible Hour 10:30 am Worship service <b>11:30 am Open Forum</b>

**Organist:** Kerry Koehler

**Deacon:** Mike McGlin; **Head Usher:** Mike Abrahamson; **Radio:** Dan Pople

**Greeters:** 4:00–Jim Shaffar; 8:00 – Bill & Sherry Krueger;

10:30- Richard & Cassie Rupno & family Coffee: Beyer/Umnus

**Ushers:** 8:00–Nathan & Tyler Togstad, Andy Schroeder, Christian Pomeranke

10:30-Sara Nehring, Amanda Loehrke, Tom Schneider

**Church Attendance:** 12/31 & 1/1: 169 + 83 + 93 = 345

**SCHEDULE 1/14-15:** Organist: Becky Miller

**Deacon:** Alan Kurth; **Head Usher:** Jeremy Schroeder; **Radio:** Tammy Bucholtz

**Greeters:** 4:00 – Jim Shaffar; 8:00 – Ryan & Christine Schultz & family;

10:30 – Kristine Buchholz, Wayne Faulks Coffee: Murphy/Steinberg

**Ushers:** 8:00 – Carter & Travis Dittmann, MaKayla & Kendra Lenz

10:30 – Mike & Nick Hahn, CeCe & Avery Kempf

### **CHURCH COUNCIL CALLS FOR SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Church Council has called for a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 8, at 11:30 a.m.** The purpose of the meeting is to seek the authorization of the congregation to extend a Call for a new teacher of Grades 3 & 4. The Call would also include the areas of technology and coaching.

### **NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS SUNDAY**

Does it seem like you're swimming upstream against the rushing river of society's thinking? You believe one thing, but so many around you believe something foreign to your faith. How are you going to speak intelligently – and yet faithfully and lovingly hold to God's Word – on matters that everyone is talking about today? Starting **Sunday, January 8**, we are beginning a Bible study entitled "Timeless Topics, Timeless Truths". This 8-week study will deal with these very "timely" issues: 1) Intelligent Design – friend or foe in the war of worldviews? 2) Global Warming – how concerned should we be? 3) Gender Identity – who makes the call? 4) Santa Claus – does the man in the red suit spell "Saint" or "Satan"? 5) Secret Baptism – a grandparent's right – or wrong? 6) Close Communion – are we closing the door on reaching the lost? 7) Dual Citizenship – can my pastor talk politics? and 8) Broke to Bankrupt – does my faith let me file? These classes will be held each Sunday, from **January 8 to February 26**, starting at **9:15 a.m. in the Commons**. May the Lord use these Bible classes to strengthen our faith and renew our commitment to Christ and his saving Word.

### **FROM YOUR PASTORS**

We want to express to so many of you our sincere thanks for remembering us during the holiday season with greetings, cards, and gifts. We truly appreciate being remembered in such a special way during the season when we rejoice in God's GIFT to us and to the world in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor & Mrs. Dennis Lemke Pastor & Mrs. Newlin Schafer and son, Judah

### **OPEN FORUM TO BE HELD**

The next 'Open Forum' is set for **Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons**. The agenda items will include: 1) Financial Update, which may include items regarding the budgeting process; 2) School Board Update, which may include items regarding the calling of a new teacher, release time for the principal, etc.; and 3) Sanctuary Committee Update, which may include details about the remodeling of the back of church (area just inside the front doors) and possible discussion about new carpeting for the church. These forums are for all of our members, male and female, so we hope you will plan on attending. They are to last no longer than an hour. We seek the opinions and ideas of all of our members as we work together in doing the Lord's work here at St. Peter.

**Your 2017 offering envelopes are available to pick up in the back of church.**

### **F.A.C.E. ALL MEMBER FUN NIGHT**

Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 until 7 pm is the date and time set for Fun night in the Commons. This year will be “Bingo” night for all ages. Pizza is on the menu. Join us for food, fun & fellowship!

### **PRAYER CHAIN FORMED**

St. Peter has a new ministry called the “Prayer Chain”. We have 15 members that are ready and willing to pray for anyone in need due to sickness, loneliness, hardship, etc. A Call to one of our Pastors will get the Chain activated. Prayer is a valuable tool. May the Lord bless our prayer ministry and guide us. What blessings the Lord will bestow upon His children when we simply ask! If you have questions, call Kathe Jonely at 920-867-3476.

### **THANK YOU**

A “Thank you” is extended to Ken & Karleen Wolff for the installation of the bench and shelving outside the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

### **FVL MUSICFEST**

Musicfest 2017, formerly known as Winterfest, is set for Sun., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 pm. This family-fun event showcases FVL’s student musicians. Lunch & treats available for purchase. Admission is \$2.00 or with student Passport - free.

**The Radio Broadcast for January 8, 2017, is sponsored by Wayne & Lois Hoffman on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**

**Given in memory of Inge Kapfinger: \$100.00 to St. Peter Foundation.**

**Anyone that has paid for a poinsettia, please feel free to take it home now that the Christmas season is over.**

### **CONTRIBUTION UPDATE**

Week	Wkly need	Rec’d	This week’s over/short(-)	Need YTD	Rec’d YTD
12/31-1/1					
Gen. Fund	12,339	11,717	(-622)	333,153	335,823
Missions WELS/FVL	1,212	733	(-479)	32,724	33,493

### **SUMMER “ARK ENCOUNTER” TOUR INVITATION**

Have you heard about the newly constructed, Biblically proportionate Ark in Northern Kentucky? All WELS members are welcome to join the MLC Alumni Association sponsored group tour that will include a visit to the Ark as well as the nearby Creation Museum and many other scenic and historical sites in the Bluegrass State of Kentucky. Travel is via deluxe motor coach from New Ulm, MN (June 16-25) with additional parking/pickup points in Mankato, Rochester, Onalaska, Madison, and Waukesha. You can also begin and end in Milwaukee/Oak Creek, WI (June 17-24) for a discounted price. One bus is already full and the 2nd is filling fast. For more information or to register, check out the tour website at <http://mlcalumni.wixsite.com/tours> or contact Steve Balza at [507-217-1731](tel:507-217-1731).