

December 9-10, 2017

Advent II

Liturgy: page 26 CW

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 85 pg. 97

First lesson: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Second lesson 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Sermon text Mark 1: 1-8

Speaker, Rev. Fred Toppe

Hymns: 14 (10:30 – 297), 16, 275, 11-12, 23 v. 1

Special music: 8:00 – Senior Choir, 10:30 – Gr. 4K - K

Schedule

9 Sat 4:00 pm Worship service w/altar communion
10 Sun 8:00 am Worship service w/altar communion
9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour
10:30 am Worship service w/altar communion
3:30 - Griefshare program CANCELLED
11 Mon 3:15 pm Faculty meeting
6:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting
12 Tue 10:00 am Pastor's study club
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Choir
13 Wed 10:15 am Crossroads Care Center
3:15 & 7:00 pm Advent Worship services
5:00 pm PSI
6:00 pm Finance/Trustee meeting
14Thu 10:00 am BIC
16 Sat 9 – 11 am Youth Bible hour Christmas practice
4:00 pm Worship service
17 Sun 8:00 am Worship service
9:00 am Scrip sales
9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour
10:30 am Worship service

Organist: Becky Miller; 12/13 – Judy Lemke

Deacon: Jeremy Schroeder; **Head Usher:** Mike Abrahamson; **Radio:** Dan Poppo

Greeters: 4:00 – Willard & Ruth Wilde; 8:00 – Neil & MaryAnn Rasmussen;

10:30-Anthony & Joanne Pankow & girls; 12/13 – G. Prillwitz, R. Montgomery

Coffee: Boushley/Paap

Ushers: 8:00 –Abigail Collins, Rob Hoewisch, Sariya & Tatum Williams

10:30- Mason & Hunter Soerens, Nicholas Loehrke, Jessup Rolfs

Church Attendance: 12/2-3: 57 + 184 + 82 = 323

SCHEDULE 12/16-17 Organist: Kerry Koehler; 12/20 – Judy Lemke

Deacon: Alan Kurth; **Head Usher:** Tim Litscher; **Radio:** Tammy Bucholtz

Greeters: 4:00 -; 8:00 – Kristine Buchholz; 10:30 Bestul/Ritchie;

12/20-Vera Frederick, LaVonne Hidde; **Coffee:** Beyer/Umnus

Ushers: 8:00 – Kylie Mitchell, Erin Litscher, Len Luedtke

10:30 – Hannah Abrahamson, Josie Niemuth, Brandon Babino

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERIES

The theme for our mid-week Advent services this year is: **“Evergreen.....and All I Ever Want!”** We are going to focus on preparations made for the first coming of Christ and how many there were who were unprepared for his coming, and from those historical accounts learn how to properly prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ. The dates and the individual themes for these services are: Dec.13 – **‘Advent’s Fiery Preacher’**; Wed., Dec.20 - **‘Not Another Advent!’** The mid-week services will be held at 3:15 and 7:00 p.m. May the Lord bless our Advent preparations!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please turn in your poinsettia orders by Monday, December 11th. There are extra forms in the back of church.

GIVING TREE – THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in the Giving Tree – 25 gift cards were filled by St. Peter members.

CALL DECLINED

Rev. Steven Helwig from Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Omaha, NE has declined our Call to have him serve here at St. Peter. As a result another Call Meeting has been set – the date and time: **Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the Narthex.**

SPL YOUTH BIBLE HOUR CHRISTMAS PRACTICES

There will be two practices for students attending SPL Youth Bible Hour in preparation for their Christmas Service on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. The practices will be held on **Saturday, December 16, AND Saturday, December 23, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Also, if anyone would like to donate cookies or juice for these practices, please bring it to the office. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bill & Sherry Krueger for donating the Christmas tree in the Narthex, and to all who helped decorate it this past weekend.

Also, Thank you to the members of the School Board and all others who helped decorate the Christmas tree and other areas in the church proper.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your offering envelopes for 2018 are available in the back of church. Please do not use the new envelopes until 2018 as they are re-numbered.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE FORWARD IN CHRIST MAGAZINE IS AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.

“BAILEY BRAVE” BENEFIT

Our young member, Bailey Mitchell, age 14, daughter of Randy Mitchell and Codi Loughrin, has been diagnosed with Dysautonomia which is a dysfunction of the autonomic nervous system causing many complications. In April, Bailey had a feeding tube placed for nutrition. Due to complications, she has been hospitalized many times and undergone countless surgical procedures.

Bailey has been approved to receive NueroStim treatments that her doctors feel will help reset her nervous system. With God's blessings and your prayers, these treatments will bring relief and restore her to do most daily activities and get her off the feeding tube.

Bailey has been struggling for a long time and to finally have a treatment available is simply the miracle we've been asking for. Due to the high costs, we've planned a benefit on Dec.16 at the Crossings Steakhouse on Hwy 110/54 from 1-5 pm. Please join us for a family-fun day. An account has been setup at Community First Credit Union - account #1198115, if you'd like to make a cash donation. If you have any questions, please contact us at 920-850-9796. Thank you again for love, support, prayers and kindness.

NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING IN JANUARY

As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation we have been focusing on the three famous hallmarks of the Reformation: GRACE and FAITH and SCRIPTURE. Thus far we have finished reviewing the subjects of GRACE and FAITH. Starting **Sunday, January 7, 2018** we will turn our attention to SCRIPTURE. This 4-week Bible Study will present 4 important biblical principles that are still important to us and to all Bible-believing Christians today. The principles include: 1) One Authority: Scripture Alone; 2) Bold Witness: Confidence Drawn From Scripture; 3) Not by Force: Power of the Word; and 4) My Bible: The Bible into People's Hands. This 4-week Bible study will be held in the Commons with classes starting at **9:15 a.m.** each Sunday in January.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

A reminder about the special upcoming services that will be held:

SPL Youth Bible Hour Christmas Service 12-23-2017 4:00 pm (Saturday)
St. Peter School Christmas Services 12-24-2017 10:30 am & 4:00 pm (Sunday)
Christmas Eve Vesper Service 12-24-2017 7:00 pm (Sunday)
Christmas Day Service 12-25-2017 9:30 am (Monday)
New Year's Worship Services 12-30-2017 4:00 pm w/communion
12-31-2017 8:00 & 10:30 am w/communion

The Radio Broadcast for December 10, 2017, is sponsored by Wally & Sharon Niemuth on the occasion of Sharon's 69th Birthday.

The new Meditations devotional dated Dec. 3 thru March 3 is available in the back of church. PLEASE NOTE: The cost has increased to \$4.00 per copy.