

December 24, 2017

Advent IV

Liturgy: page 38 CW

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 89 pg. 98

First lesson: 2 Samuel 7: 8-16

Second lesson Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Sermon text Luke 1: 26-38

Speaker, Rev. Dennis Lemke

Hymns: 41, 23, 24, 707

Schedule

23 Sat **9 – 11 am Youth Bible Hour Christmas practice**
 4:00 pm Youth Bible Hour Christmas program

24 Sun 8:00 am Worship service
 10:30 am LES Children’s Christmas program
 4:00 pm LES Children’s Christmas program
 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Vesper’s service

25 Mon 9:30 am Christmas Day worship

30 Sat 4:00 pm New Year’s Worship w/pew communion

31 Sun 8:00 am New Year’s Worship w/pew communion
 10:30 am New Year’s Worship w/pew communion

Organist: 12/23-J. Lemke; 12/24–B. Miller, 7 pm-K. Koehler
Deacon: Dennis Yorkson; **Head Usher:** Anthony Pankow; **Radio:** Gaston Pople
Greeters: 4:00 – Gene & Priscilla Bartel; 8:00 – Gunnar, Jordana & Archer Umnus;
 10:30-Justin & Lakkin Zielke;
 4:00-Doug & Lori Rodencal & family; 7:00-Gary & Sandy Hecker
 12/25: 9:30 – Kevin & Tammy Kanaman
Ushers: 8:00 –Colton, Jaelyn & Mikyla Reeck, Cole Hudziak
 10:30- Logan Witt, Lily & John Mueller, Cami Gettendorf
Church Attendance: 12/13: 106 + 12=118; 12/16-17: 68 + 87 + 124 = 279
SCHEDULE 12/30-31- Organist: Kerry Koehler
Deacon: Dennis Yorkson; **Head Usher:** Anthony Pankow; **Radio:** Gaston Pople
Greeters: 4:00 – Vern McClelland, Katie Jorgensen;
 8:00 – Ryan & Kelly Handrich & family; 10:30 – Melissa Vallery & Emma
Ushers: 8:00 – Brian & Brock Krenke, Brandon Dittmann, Tyler Togstad
 10:30 – Sara Nehring, Greg Radtke, Tom Schneider
Communion servers: 4:00 pm – D. Pankow, D. Yorkson; 8:00 am – Rich Tomaszewski, Dave Werth; 10:30 am-Justin Koplien, Doug Rodencal

ST. PETER OFFICE HOURS DECEMBER 26-29th – 8 am until 1 pm
(Closed December 25th and January 1st.)

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 p.m.
St. Peter LES Christmas Services	12-24-2017	10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Vesper Service	12-24-2017	7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service	12-25-2017	9:30 a.m.
New Year’s Worship Services w/communion	12-30-2017	4:00 p.m.
" " " " "	12-31-2017	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WELS MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT & GETAWAY WEEKEND

How is your marriage? Would you like it to be healthier? God designed marriage and only he can improve the health of your marriage. Join us for a marriage enrichment weekend March 9-11, 2018. The cost is \$325 per couple and includes lodging, breakfast both days and lunch on Saturday. Spend your weekend learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy and connect with each other intentionally – all in the light of God’s grace. The result? A healthier marriage. Space is limited, so register early. Visit www.wels.net/adult-discipleship for more information and to register.

SPL YOUTH BIBLE HOUR FINAL CHRISTMAS PRACTICE

There is one more practice this **Saturday, Dec. 23, from 9:00 -11:00 am** for students attending SPL Youth Bible Hour. Their Christmas Service is **Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

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.

ROBERT OSWALD 6/8/31-12/14/17

Former teacher at St. Peter Lutheran Church and School, Robert Oswald, received his crown of Life in heaven won by our Savior, Jesus Christ. He departed this earth on Thursday morning, December 14, 2017, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. God granted him many blessings during his lifetime here on earth including the opportunity to minister to the students and families at St. Peter Lutheran School during his very early years of ministry.

My mother and I look back fondly on the memories made with him, his students and their families. There are actually triple ties with St. Peter and our family. Not only did my father teach there, but my Grandpa Kurt Oswald also began his ministry there during which time my father was born, and also my Grandpa Kurt Oswald's sister, Irma Otto, taught there with some of my father's years of ministry and her years of ministry overlapping.

In Christ, Annette (Oswald) Diener and Janet Oswald

Radio Broadcasts:

December 24th 10:30 am – sponsored by Joyce S. Ponto in memory of her husband, Eldor Ponto.

December 24th 7:00 pm – sponsored by Alice Voss in memory of Godwin & Kevin Voss.

December 25th 9:30 am – sponsored by the family of Ron Thiel in memory of Ron Thiel.

Given in loving memory of Charlie & Martha Tesch, & Jessie Davis: \$2,000.00 to St. Peter Building on the Rock debt.

Given in memory of Eldor Ponto whose birthday was on December 28th: \$100.00 to Radio Ministry.

Given in memory of Brad Kaminske: \$45.00 to Building on the Rock, \$15.00 to Radio Ministry and \$50.00 to the Organ fund.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT – Martin Luther once wrote the following in expressing his own Christmas joy:

"God in his unveiled glory and majesty can only terrify us. But see how God invites you in many ways. He places before you a baby with whom you may take refuge. You cannot be afraid of him, because nothing is more appealing to us than a baby. To me there is no greater consolation than this, that Christ became man, a child, a baby, playing in the lap of his most gracious mother. Who is here whom this sight would not comfort? Now is overcome the power of sin, death, hell, conscience, and guilt – once you realize that he is come, not to judge you, but to save you."

POINSETTIAS – 2017**In memory of:**

Barb Stuebs
 Paul & Elsie Behn, Kim Behn,
 Carl Hidde, Bud & Carol Liber
 Ron Thiel
 Gordon & Rose Gunsten(Sandy's parents)
 Vera Yorkson
 Norb Kolz, Eva Kaminske,
 Brad Kaminske
 Ken Radtke
 Herman & Emma Stelzner, Walter &
 Edna Stelzner, Alvin & Eleanor Stelzner,
 Herbert & Margie Stelzner
 Dave & Maxine Beyer
 George & Sarah Kent
 Eric Paulson
 Siegfried Fritsche
 Arlene Hallman
 Mary Hallman
 Annette Olson
 Olson
 Verna Radtke
 Our dear mother, Elnora Schroeder
 Irene Mielke

Christian, Mateus & Miriam Raisler
 Joraine Bucholtz, Lee Bucholtz &
 Jennifer Malouf
 Neal & Donna Stuebs
 family
 Clarence, Bernice, Verna,
 Bill & Adeline Radtke
 Marilyn Thiel
 Lost loved ones in Christ.
 Christian martyrs around the world.
 Our family that has gone before us.

Donated by:

Her loving family
 Lavonne Hidde &
 Dennis & Shirley Behn
 Pat Thiel
 Gary & Sandy Hecker
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