

Dec. 31, 2016-Jan 1, 2017 **New Year's Eve/New Year's Day**
12-31-2016 Special liturgy (Holy Communion will be celebrated.)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 90 p.99

Lessons: Joshua 3:1-6; James 4:13-15; Matthew 16:21-26

Sermon Text: James 4:13-15

Hymns: 69, 270, 441, 256, (397-399), 75

1-1-2017 Special liturgy "Walking Through The Worship Service"

Lesson: Luke 2:41-52

Devotions – a series based on the Scriptures reflected in the liturgy

Hymns: 223, 370 vs.1-3, 108, 377 vs.1-4, 494, 320

Speaker, Rev. Dennis Lemke

Schedule

31 Sat	4:00 pm New Year's Eve Worship w/pew communion
1 Sun	8:00 am Worship service 10:30 am Worship service
4 Wed	5:00 pm PSI 6:30 pm Visiting Elders meeting
5 Thur	1:30 pm Ladies Aid 6:30 pm Evangelism Committee meeting
7 Sat	4:00 pm Worship
8 Sun	8:00 am Worship service w/altar communion 10:30 am Worship service w/altar communion 11:30 am Special Congregational meeting

Organist: Judy Lemke

Deacon: Tim Paider; **Head Usher:** Chris Behm; **Radio:** Wayne Faulks

Greeters: 4:00–Willard & Ruth Wilde;

8:00 – Denise Anderson; 10:30- Wayne & Shirly Kempf & family

Ushers: 8:00–Danielle Behn, Jaelyn & Mikyla Reeck, Cole Hudziak

10:30-Logan Witt, Lily & John Mueller, Cami Gettendorf

Communion servers: 4:00 pm New Year's Eve: Steve Prillwitz, Jeff Miller

Church Attendance: 12/24: 656 + 305 =961; 12/25: 126 + 86 = 212

SCHEDULE 1/7-8: 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 Pomerence

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

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.

SPECIAL SERVICES PLANNED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY

The following is a brief overview of the special services coming up:

New Year's Eve – Saturday, Dec.31, 4:00 p.m. – Our theme will be "Thy Will Be Done" in the New Year; liturgy will include a special 'Carol Setting for Holy Communion'; we will also have the tolling of the church bell as we remember those who were received to eternal glory in heaven during the past year.

New Year's Day – Sunday, Jan.1 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – We will use the first day of the New Year to follow a liturgy entitled 'Walking Through the Worship Service'. By means of lessons, hymns, devotions, etc., we will review the basic elements of our worship service to see what a rich heritage we have been given as we gather to worship our Lord.

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN JANUARY

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.

FVL MUSICFEST

Musicfest 2017, formerly known as Winterfest, is set for Sun., Jan. 29th 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.

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

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

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

St. Peter's has started a Prayer Chain and is looking for a few more people to help out. This is a group of people willing to make a phone call and take the time to pray for the person in need. If this appeals to you, please call Kathe Jonely at 867-3476 for more info. There is also a sign-up sheet in back of church.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Personal finances are a daily challenge for each of us. Financial Peace University is a tool for personal financial growth. Through engaging video and small group discussions, personal financial education helps to create a greater financial stability and independence. Financial Peace University is produced by Christians for Christians. The 9 week course will begin at St. Peter on January 8th at 6 pm. The enrollment fee is \$93.00. If you have questions you may contact Tyler or Ruth Danke (TylerDanke@gmail.com) or speak with one of the pastors.

Received in memory of Delores Doede: \$250.00 to Building on the Rock.

Given in loving memory of Charley & Martha Tesch, Jessie Davis and Clarence Tesch: \$2,000.00 to Debt retirement.

Given in memory of Edwin & Daniel Thiel: \$100.00 to General Fund.

Given in memory of Dennis & Bev Wilson & Mike Hildebrand: \$25.00 to Building on the Rock.

Received in memory of Marlyn & Viola Buchholz: \$3200.00 to Building on the Rock and \$800.00 to WELS/FVL Missions.

CONTRIBUTION UPDATE

Week	Wkly need	Rec'd	This week's over/short(-)	Need YTD	Rec'd YTD
12/25					
Gen. Fund	12,339	32,374	20,035	320,814	324,106
Missions WELS/FVL	1,212	2,140	928	31,512	32,760