

November 30-December 1, 2019

Advent 1

Liturgy: pg. 38, CW with Advent Gathering Rite

Psalm: Psalm 18, pg. 69 CW

First lesson Isaiah 2: 1-5

Second lesson Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44

Sermon text: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Sermon theme: "Are You Ready" Speaker, Rev. Aaron Kristopeit

Hymns: Gathering Rite (insert), 2, 1 vs. 1, 4-6, 771 (insert)

Special music: 10:30 am – Senior Choir

Schedule

30 Sat	4:00 pm Worship service
1 Sun	8:00 am Worship service
	9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour
	10:30 am Worship service
2 Mon	6:00 pm Bible Class – How to Study the Bible
	6:00 pm Member Ministry meeting
3 Tue	6:00 pm Technology Committee meeting
	6:30 pm Bell choir
	7:30 pm Choir
4 Wed	3:15 & 7:00 pm Advent worship services
	4:00 – 6:30 pm Chili Supper
5 Thur	1:00 pm Ladies Aid Christmas party at Hitching Post
	5:00 pm PSI
	6:30 pm Evangelism Committee meeting
7 Sat	1:30 – 3:30 pm "Surviving the Holidays" Griefshare
	4:00 pm Worship service
8 Sun	8:00 am Worship service
	9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour
	10:30 am Worship service
	4:00 pm Advent by Candlelight

Organist: Becky Miller Deacon: Anthony Pankow

Head Usher: 11/30: Tim Litscher; 12/1: Dylan Pankow Radio: Durant Pople

Greeters: 11/27 – Dave & Mary Werth; 11/28 – Tyler & Ruth Danke & family;

4:00 – Tim & Pam Litscher; Coffee: SPL Cares

8:00 – Paul & Mary Dobbert; 10:30 - Ben & Michelle Billington & family

12/4 - 3:15 – Eugene & Priscilla Bartel

Ushers: 8:00 – R. & S. Hoewisch, B. Rodencal, D. Miller, E. Vallery

10:30 – Darren & Tyler Carson, Hannah Abrahamson, Josie Niemuth

Church Attendance: 11/21 & 24: 109+174+41 = 324

SCHEDULE: 12/7-8 Organist: Kerry Koehler; Deacon: Dennis Yorkson

Head Ushers: 12/7: Tyler Tryba; 12/8: Justin Zielke Radio: Dan Pople

Greeters: 4:00 – Dawn Hofferber; Coffee: Mueller/Raisler

8:00 – Paul Thiel 10:30 – Richard & Cassie Rupno & family

Ushers: 8:00 – John, Lily & John Mueller, Charlie Zastrow

10:30 – J. Billington, C. Reeck, M. Nehring, M. Taggart, B. Babino

LADIES AID CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ladies Aid Christmas party will be held on December 5, 2019, at 1:00 pm at the Hitching Post. Please call Judy Rehm if you haven't already registered.

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree for gifts to children under age 14 is in the back of church. You may take a tag, purchase a gift, and bring it back (unwrapped) to church or the office by December 8, 2019.

CHILI SUPPER

The F.A.C.E. (Friends Assisting Christian Education) group will be hosting their annual Chili supper on **Wednesday, December 4th**, after the Advent service. It will be held in the Commons from 4:00 until 6:30 pm. The menu includes regular chili, white chicken chili (or hot dogs for those who prefer them), salad, and bars or cookies. Thrivent Action team funds will be used to help supplement this event. Please plan to join us!

SPL CARES

"Surviving the Holidays: Support during the loss of a loved one" will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 7th from 1:30-3:30 pm. Contact Sue Morack if you have any questions: 715-258-2470.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

On the weekend of the school's 125th Celebration, an announcement was made that St Peter had received a generous gift. That gift, along with about \$15,000 out of the BOTR Debt Fund, has paid off the entire BOTR Thrivent Loan. That means, St Peter has no outstanding loan debt. As a result, the BOTR Debt Fund has been closed out. All contributions designated for the Debt Fund will be deposited in the Building and Maintenance Fund and used to cover expenses incurred to maintain the BOTR Project facilities.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

St. Peter will be hosting the 4th annual Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 8 starting at 4:00 pm in the Commons. The event is for all women of the congregation and we encourage you to come and invite a friend-or two-or six! The theme for our event is "Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel". For planning purposes, you are asked to sign-up in the back of church by December 1. Come and join us!

**** see yellow insert for additional bulletin items ****

ADVENT WORSHIP THEMES: “ARE YOU READY?”

The season of Advent (December) is about preparing for Christ’s coming—both his first coming at Christmas and his final coming on Judgment Day. This December, don’t just think about getting ready for Christmas. Will you be ready when Christ comes again?

- **Nov 30-Dec 1: Be Ready to Live in the Light!**
- Dec 7-8: Be Ready to Stand United with God’s People!
- Dec 14-15: Be Ready for the End of Suffering!
- Dec 22 (8:00 only): Be Ready for the Impossible—God with Us!

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES: “A PEACEFUL ADVENT”

December is usually anything but peaceful. Our commercialized Christmas traditions can take away the peace the promised Messiah brings. Let’s spend our Wednesdays (3:15pm and 7:00pm) putting away the noise and basking in the promises of God’s peace. These simplified services will feature short devotions on God’s Word and plenty of carol singing.

- Dec 4: Peace for Sinners
- Dec 11: Peace for All People
- Dec 18 Peace for Eternity

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Friday, December 13th from 1:30 to 5:30 pm at Weyauwega City Hall. All donors are welcome.

The Radio Broadcast for December 1 is sponsored by Marion Fritsche in memory of her husband, Siegfried Fritsche. Also, \$1,000.00 was given to St. Peter Lutheran Church in memory of Siegfried Fritsche.

There are poinsettia order forms on the back tables. The orders with payment must be turned in to the office by December 8, 2019.

The December issue of the Forward in Christ magazine is available in the back of church.

The new Meditations devotional date Dec. 1 – Feb. 29, 2020, is available in the back of church. The cost is \$4.00.

CONTRIBUTION UPDATE

Month	Need YTD	Rec’d YTD	YTD over/short
Nov. G/F	241,710	210,649	(-31,061)
Missions	20,604	15,871	(4,733)

**** ADDITIONAL BULLETIN ITEMS ****

CHRISTMAS 2019: INVITING ONE MILLION PEOPLE

Did you know 80% of unchurched adults would seriously consider attending a Christmas service if a friend invited them? So, whom will you invite? Yes, you. Like last year, the WELS has set a goal to invite 1,000,000 people to hear the gospel this Christmas Eve. We won’t reach the goal without you—and we’re going to give you some training and resources for the job. Stay tuned!

A NEW CHURCH YEAR

During the last six months we gradually worked through the Gospel of Luke and focused especially on the Christian life. This weekend is the beginning of a new Church Year. We’ll spend the next six months reviewing Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, using Matthew’s Gospel as our guide. Expect to hear lots of Jesus’ teachings and references to fulfilled prophecies.

“HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE” CLASS

There are only two weeks left of our last Bible class for 2019, but it’s not too late to join us. So far, we’ve discussed the joy in listing things we’re thankful for, the value of being honest about sin, and even the best ways to use our church’s resources. We want to equip you to dig deep as you apply Scripture on your own and with your family. Join us the next two Mondays at 6:00pm in the Commons (or the narthex if there’s a Basketball game).

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS – AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN IN WAUPACA

Children ages 4 – 12 are invited to a “Birthday Party for Jesus” on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 to 11:45 am at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1120 Evans St., Waupaca. There will be games, treats, crafts and the Christmas Story. To register please call: 715-258-0204.