



St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings
January 2022 Projecting Christ to All Generations

They offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh

MATTHEW 2:12

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EPIPHANY

As you read this, you are most likely continuing in the season of Christmas. Christmas is a season that is 12 days long. The first day of Christmas (Partridge in a pear tree day) is December 25th, with the 12th day being January 5th. Yes, Christmas is more than just a 2-hour frenzy of wrapping paper and boxes for the toddler to play in. Following the season of Christmas comes Epiphany. It is the season of the Wise Men who, BTW, arrived to see Jesus when he was approximately 2 years old.

The significance of the Wise Men coming to worship Jesus, is a sign that Jesus was meant to be a gift of grace from God to more than just the People of Israel. These strangers from the East are witnesses to the fact that the Son of God is a gift for the whole world. And that is a revelation, an "Aha!" moment, and Epiphany for all of us. Epiphany is the ultimate "REVEAL." People celebrate all kinds of life events with REVEAL parties. It may be an engagement, or the gender of the baby a couple is expecting, or what you finally decided to name your new puppy. The church celebrates an entire season of REVEALS, through which we come to know who and what Jesus is in ever more astounding ways. As we enter into this time in the church calendar, we need to pay attention to what the Gospel writers are telling us about Jesus, and the significance of the events and teachings they record. There is so much here. God has so much to tell us. Jesus has so much to teach us. And there is so little time to accomplish it all.

January 9th – Jesus' Baptism when God proclaims "You are my Son, the Beloved; ..."

January 16th – Jesus' miraculous ministry is revealed at the Wedding at Cana

January 23rd – Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecies for which the People of Israel have waited Centuries

January 30th – Jesus is opposed by those who cannot see beneath his outer facade

February 6th – Jesus calls disciples to share in his ministry

February 13th – Jesus blesses the poor and hungry and warns the rich

February 20th – Jesus gives us the "Great Commandment" to love

February 27th – God again speaks from the cloud "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah, the Christ, the Chosen One. Listen to him! PAY ATTENTION!

- Interim Pastor Scot McCluskey

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

** Volunteers needed - please sign-up online or contact the office*

	January 2 Sunday 9:00 am	January 9 Sunday 9:00 am	January 16 Sunday 9:00 am	January 23 Sunday 9:00 am	January 30 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
Acolytes	?	?	?	?	?
Communion Assistant					
Scripture Reader					
Multimedia					
Sound System	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus
Video taping					
Altar Guild	Shirley Thurm, Mary Thurm, Marilyn Mueller, Phyllis Plaster				
Usher/Greeters	Larry Oltrogge, Jon & Brenda Wolter, Brad & Jennifer Becker				
Please find a replacement if you are unable to serve at the time you are scheduled. Your ministry is vital and we give thanks for your willingness to serve.					

Altar Guild

Altar Guild is looking for people to join their team. Generally the altar guild sets up communion and takes it down, fills candles and changes paraments as needed. For more information contact the office or Nancy Lamos. The duties are easy to learn and can be done on your own time or with a group.

Ushers

We are also looking for more ushers to assist the already slim groups. Please contact the office if this is something you would consider. Thank you.

From the Church Office

Check out the online church calendar. The link is on the opening page of our website - www.stpeterdenver.org. Under "Most Popular" click on calendar; you will be able to see the activities scheduled for the year. If you would like to add something to the calendar please contact the office. 319-984-5648

Bulletin Deadline: Thursdays 10:00 am

Newsletter Deadline: 4:00 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month.

AA/Alanon

AA/Alanon Step Class: Tuesday nights at 7 pm in lower level (second & fifth Tuesdays of the month)

Meeting: Tuesday nights at 7 pm in the lower level (first & fourth Tuesdays - round table format)

Open Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of each month. Anyone who has an interest in or questions about the disease of alcoholism or anyone who fears that a loved one may be dealing with alcoholism is welcome to attend the monthly open meeting.

Mission & Community

Youth Fundraiser

Rada Knives Fundraiser for the youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering. - just in time for gift giving. (the students receive 40% of the sales) Please share the link with friends and family. Catalogs are available at the church to place your orders. Below you will find the link for our store and the items will be shipped right to the customer. You can email it to friends and family and post it on social media. Thank you.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=6268118.c94e0c>

Contact Lisa Michels with questions 319-464-4381

The fundraiser goes until January 31.

Helping Hands Clothing Closet

In November helped 119 adults and 122 children with their clothing needs. Our clients came from 15 communities throughout northeast Iowa. Thank you for all of the donations and to all of our volunteers for their time. We are still in need of new or gently used winter clothing and boots for children. We will be closed January 1st for New Year's. Closet hours: 9:00 - 11:00 am Tuesday mornings, 6:30 - 7:30 pm Wednesday evenings, and 9:00 - 11:00 am the first Saturday of the month. Located at 2029 Viking Ave. Sumner, IA. *Carolyn Mohlis 319-279-3247 or carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com*

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for January: Cleaning and laundry supplies. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in November: 79 Households, 231 Individuals, 7,036 lbs of food distributed. Questions -319-638-4357 or Mary Burgart 563-920-3857. As always, we will take any thing to fill our shelves. We greatly appreciate your support.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 1st Thursday, every other month at 1:00 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 3.

If you know of someone who is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please take one from the closet in the Friendship Room. Please make sure you fill out a form (located next to the new shawls).

Re-Do Cards Update

We have all occasion cards available. Please feel free to come to the church and choose from the card rack. All proceeds go to the ELCA Youth Gathering funds, at this time.

Serving Committee for January

Carol Ackerman	Jennifer Ackerman	Stacie Beem
Renee McInroy	Jaime Gienau	Roxane Franzen
Nancy Lamos	Darlys Milius	Judy Milius
Lynette Renner	Sharon Robinson	Susan Buss
Megan Schmauss	LuAnn Emerson	Kristen Wolter

Coffee from LWR and Guatemala

Every delicious cup helps transform poor communities. Farmers get a strong up-front price for their coffee beans and a portion of the profit. The coffee is located on the rolling cart in the Friendship Room. Checks or cash may be left in the coffee can on the cart near the coffee. Thank you.

Christmas Offering

This year the special Christmas offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. The disaster ministry of the ELCA continues to help bring God's comfort, healing and renewal to those affected by disasters. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need, throughout the U.S. and around the world. What a wonderful way to spread the Good News through your generosity and compassion!

Noisy Offering

Our January and February Noisy Offering will also go to Lutheran Disaster Response. Even though our Christmas offering is going to this respected organization, we feel it is appropriate to share with them in hopes of making a bigger impact. With so many different areas of the country struggling right now after natural disasters we want to help. Noisy offering is the third Sunday of the month—January 16.

Fellowship & Coffee

Please join us for coffee, treats, and fellowship in the Friendship Room after worship. We have a cookie sign-up online, or you may call the office, if you would like to bring treats to share.

Volunteers

Please take a look at the Worship Servers sign-up for January, (and following months), and consider one of the options to participate.

We need acolytes, readers, communion assistants, multimedia, video taping, and sound system is looking for more recruits as well. www.stpeterdenver.org -Get involved—Volunteer—Worship Servers or 319-984-5648



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Community & Mission News



Poinsettias given in
Memory of...

1 Ken Becker Sam Smith	15 Robert Gienau Scott Gleason
2 Grant Pautsch	16 Kaia Anfinson Kenna Rothmeyer
3 Stacie Beem	17 Kari Anfinson Warren Miller Ruth Niemann Rhonda Wilson
4 Charles Essmann Heather Krabbenhoft	19 Calli Boeckmann Tonia Thurm
5 Gary Everding Ethan Krabbenhoft	20 Tony Schimmels Mary Stevens
6 Dean Milius Lauren Milius Becky Miller Dixie Unangst	21 Hayden Arians
7 Jill Thrasher	22 Miranda Thurm
8 Dixie Milius Fritz & AJ Tegmeier	23 Mark Gielau Floyd & Margaret Liddle
9 Harold Went	24 Mark Fober Brena Huber Brandon Smith
10 Scott & Carrie Gleason	25 Angela Diercks Randy Herman
11 Colt Boeckmann Justice Gienau Ryan Thurm	27 Jadyn Milius
12 Karen Place Walker Krueger	29 Natalie Fober
13 Sue Flory Anne Sickles Brody Weston	31 Jeff Schumacher Ron & Carol Nystrom
14 Clayton Liddle Tammy Weston	

**Emil & Florene DeVries,
Theodore & Florence Kuker**
Steve & Audrey DeVries

**Bill & Volly Donaldson
Harold & Minnie Michelson**
Roger & Donna Donaldson

Ron Foelske
Melodie, Rachel, Amy,
Sarah & families

Ricky, Lois, Sidney & Ron
Blair, Sarah, Sophie, Body &
Sydney

Doug Miller
Janice Miller & family

Terry Miller
Joyce Miller & family

**Roger, Bruce, Jeff, Nick,
Erica**
Shirley Thurm

Marlys Krueger
Krueger family
Heeren family

**Roger Kittle, Gus & Claribel
Koeff, Virgil Wallace,
Donald Miller , Caleb Ulrichs**
Donna Kittle

Millie & Art Kurtt
Gene & Pat Leonhart
& family

James Lamos
Nancy Lamos & family

Marcia Lashbrook
Nancy Lamos & family

**Our parents, Norman,
Dean & Mary**
Marvin & Helen Schumacher

**Sister Joselda Hageman
Josh Lemert**
Jim, Roxane, Brad, Derek &
Deidre Franzen

Vern & Marge Moeller
Jim & Sheryl Moeller
& family

**Mike Schult, Brady Schult,
Rolland & Ethel Drape**
Linda Schult

With Appreciation

Thank you to our St Peter friends who sent memorials, messages, and kind words of comfort to our family. The support has been overwhelming and so appreciated as we celebrated Doug's life. A special thank you to LaVonne and those who helped serve the luncheon after Doug's service. God's blessings for a Happy New Year.
Janice Miller and family.

Directory Update

Harold Went has moved and lives closer to his daughter. His new address is: 201 E Franklin St, Apt 210, Eldridge IA 52748 and phone # 563-285-5198. Happy birthday to Harold turning 90 on January 9, 2022!

Community & Mission News

Call Committee

The St. Peter Call Committee is in the process of updating the Ministry Site Profile. Our goal is to have it posted by February 1 on the synod website for prospective applicants. The committee would like to encourage members of the congregation to provide input in the completion of the site profile, such as: What is most important to you in calling a new pastor? What concerns have you had in the past regarding previous pastors that you would like the call committee to be aware of during the call process? What strengths have you experienced with previous pastors that you feel are important when calling a new pastor? What do you feel are the most important issues in the congregation that you would like a new pastor to help St. Peter address? What are strengths and/or needs of St. Peter Church?, etc.

It is important to the Call Committee that members of the congregation provide any input you feel would be helpful so we are able to represent the whole congregation in this valuable process. There is a box outside of the church office that you can place any feedback you would like. You may share your input anonymously if you prefer. If you would like a member of the Call Committee to respond to your input, please provide your name and contact information.

You may also provide input to any member of the Call Committee directly by email:

Pat Leonhart: gpleonhart@gmail.com

Amanda Gesme: amandagesme@yahoo.com>

Helen Schumacher: helen.schumacher@schumacherelevator.com>

Jackie Fober: mjfober@aol.com

Jill Nuss: jillnuss@gmail.com

Paul Meyer: paulie52@mchsi.com

Paul Empie: peowl2@yahoo.com

Mary Stevens: trsmhs@gmail.com

Members of the Call Committee will be providing updates on the process during Sunday church services.

SAVE THE DATE: We invite you to attend a meeting after church on **January 9** in which we will share a draft copy of the Ministry Profile and seek your feedback and any additional feedback.

Please continue to pray for God's support and guidance in this process.

Annual Reports

Each board/ministry group of St Peter may go ahead and submit their annual reports to the office now. Thank you.

The Congregational Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, following worship.

Offering Envelopes

The 2022 Offering Envelopes may be picked up from the table outside the office. Please let us know if your envelopes are missing, or if you'd like a 2022 boxed set.

Quilt Tying

The quilt tying will resume January 10. Meeting again on Mondays, 9 am - 3 pm, and Tuesdays, 9 am - Noon. In case of bad weather, use your own judgment.

Gifts of Love

A big thank you to Marilyn Mueller for coordinating the Gifts of Love bags. They were delivered to St Peter members that may have needed a little extra love this season. Marilyn reached out to 18 families this year.

With Thanks

Thank you so much for the Gift of Love, it is truly that. Thanks to Marilyn Mueller and to Pastor Scott for delivering my gift. It meant a lot to me, just a further extension of the love and kindness I feel from my many friends at St. Peter. *Joyce Miller*

Dear St Peter

A very special thank you to Pastor Scot for the visit while I was in the hospital, it meant a lot to me. I miss everyone and making coffee, hope to be back soon. I am doing well. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year for 2022. Thank you for the prayers, *Jan Gienau.*

NEIA Food Bank

Thanks to all those who generously contributed monetary donations to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank during November. Gifts totaled \$241.11 which will allow the Food Bank to purchase \$2,651.00 worth of food items to feed the hungry in the Cedar Valley. St Peter's outreach will demonstrate Christ's love and make a difference in the lives of God's children.

Exercise Classes at St Peter

Join Roberta Robbins, Thursdays from 5 -6:00 pm in the lower level of the church. There is no cost to participate in the Essentrics® class. Essentrics® is a dynamic, full-body workout suitable for all fitness levels that simultaneously combines stretching and strengthening while engaging all 650 muscles. This class will increase flexibility and mobility for a healthy, toned, and pain-free body.

Faith Formation & Announcements

Mensfest

The ecumenical Men's Bible Study is lead by Pastor McCluskey. We will gather weekly in the lower level of the church at 7:30 am. All are welcome!

Womenfest

The ecumenical Women's Bible Study is lead by Pastor McCluskey. We will gather weekly in our St Peter Friendship Room at 7:30 am. All are welcome!

Dear Friends

On behalf of those whose lives will be touched by your generosity, I write to say thank you for the donation of children's books. We are sincerely grateful for your assistance to help provide books to children at Peoples Community Health Clinic.

As you are aware we feel we are fulfilling a critical need of bringing books and children together that might not otherwise have access to them. We are grateful for your support of this clinic's mission. On behalf of "our children," we thank you. Sincerely,
Peoples Community Health Clinic

Dear St Peter Lutheran Church

On behalf of Friends of the Family, I would like to thank you for your donation of blankets. We appreciate you! Donations we receive benefit individuals and families using our services to those affected by homelessness, domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking through providing basic needs, housing assistance, and crisis counseling. Friends of the Family provides prevention education and awareness to the community to create a society free of violence and homelessness. Thank you again for your support. You are greatly appreciated!



Tidings and Tinsel

A big thanks to Holly Smith for sharing her creative talents once again this holiday season. She decorated the annual St Peter tree at the Community Christmas Event the first weekend of December. It was a favorite of many attendees. Now you'll have a chance to enjoy its beauty as it adds a festive touch to the area outside the church offices. (thank you to Gene, Pat and Will for delivering the tree to the church)!

Sunday School

Classes resume Sunday, January 9, following Worship. Please consider teaching a 4 week session, as we are in need of Sunday School teachers. . Contact Todd Foelske tfoelske@gmail.com if you could help out.

Confirmation

Wednesday Class Schedule: 7th grade meet at 6:30 pm. And 8th grade meet at 7:30 pm. Classes resume Wednesday, January 5th.

July 24-28, 2022 | Minneapolis, MN

Gathering@elca.org

For more information on the youth gathering please contact Lisa Michels 319-464-4381.

2022 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING
boundless
GOD BEYOND MEASURE



Resources Available

Christ in Our Home is located on the table outside the office. Everyone is welcome to the quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a scripture reference and prayer for the day. Large print copies are available, also.

January 2022



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2022 MINISTRY BOARDS

Ministry Boards are a vital part of the congregational system. Lay members are currently needed for each of these boards to function as intended. Please consider where you might share your gifts in these important ministries of the congregation. If you would like to know more about a board please contact The Congregational President. Thank you!

Church Council: Jim Jurgenson, Todd Foelske, Mary Stevens, Marcia Joerger, Kim Lamb, Jan Gienau, Marilyn Mueller

Executive Board: Jim Jurgenson, Marcia Joerger, Todd Foelske, Marilyn Mueller

Property & Management: Neil Hartmann, Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Roxane Franzen, Jim Jurgenson, Mary Stevens

Parish Education: Todd Foelske, Jaime Leonhart, Mandy Gesme, Julie Gleason

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