

Peter's Net

November/December 2018

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME CHANGE to 10:00 AM TRIAL PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 2019

Beginning in January we will be moving our Sunday worship time to 10:00 AM for a trial period of three (3) months. The rationale behind the change is to allow a bit more flexibility for folks who have other engagements to get to on Sunday afternoons. The trial period will begin on January 6th and end on March 31st, at which time we will **as a congregation** make a decision as to which worship time we prefer, 10:00 AM or 10:30 AM. If you have any questions or concerns about this trial period please speak with Pastor Laura or a member of church council.

From the Pastor's Desk:

As I'm sure is true for many of you, this is a time of year that brings up many different (and sometimes conflicting) emotions. Nostalgia and sometimes longing for times and people who have gone. Hope and excitement as we look forward to enjoying once again those special Christmas traditions. Anxiety and frustration as we hurry to get all our shopping and preparations done in time.

In the hurry and flurry of the season it can be a challenge not to let the hope, joy, peace, and love of this season pass us by. My hope for you is that you will make time this Advent and Christmas season to pause and rest in the promise of this time of year: that God loves this world so much God came to dwell among us to show us what this unending and unconditional love really looks like.

Here at St Peter's and in our community there are several services and events planned to help you do just that. We hope you will take advantage of some of these offerings this holiday season:

November 18th - "Awaiting Advent" at St Peter's (see page 3 for more details)

December 2nd - 7:30 Community Advent Service at Main Street United, Mitchell

December 16th - 7:30 Christmas Service of Comfort and Joy at St Peter's (see page 3 for more details)

December 23rd - 10:30 Choir Cantata at St Peter's - "Rhapsody in Bluegrass"

December 24th - 7:30 Christmas Eve Sunday School Pageant at St Peter's

December 25th - 10:30 Christmas Day Holy Communion at St Peter's

December 30th - 10:30 Service of Lessons & Carols at St Peter's

January 6th - Epiphany Party at St Peter's (see page 5 for more details)

Wishing you a joyous and hope-filled Advent & Christmas season! Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Laura

News from the Pews

Sunday, September 2 – St Peter’s worshipped at the Mitchell Fall Fair Community service.

Sunday, September 16 – Vivian Neeb, daughter of Mike & Andrea, was baptized.

Sunday, September 23 – Caroline Nater, daughter of John & Justine, was baptized.

Sunday, September 30 – we welcomed Keith Myra, treasurer of the Eastern Synod as our guest speaker during worship.

Saturday, October 7 – Harvest Home - Thank you to our “C” & “D” families who decorated for Harvest Home, to Elaine & Doris Dietz for coordinating, and to all who donated items. The church was beautifully decorated and much food was collected for the Food Bank and Shelterlink.

Friday, October 12 – A movie night was held for the women of St Peter’s to watch the documentary “Embrace” at Debbie Elligsen’s place. Thank you Debbie for your hospitality.

Sunday, October 14 – the choir sang at the nursing homes in Mitchell

Sunday, October 21 – This was our 5th annual Skype Service with The Olive Branch for Children, followed by our Local Food Meal. Thank you to the food committee for coordinating, and to all who donated and provided food.



COMING UP...

Sunday, November 4 – All Saints Sunday – the Mobility bus is running, please call Pastor Laura for booking.

Sunday, November 11 – “Bells of Peace” – we will gather at 4:50PM and the bells will toll at 5:03PM 100 times in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI.

Sunday, November 25 – CHRIST THE KING – St Peter’s will host the Anglican Parish of the Holy Spirit for worship and lunch.

November 26 – December 2 – Pastor Laura on vacation.

Sunday, December 9 – West Perth Singers Christmas Concert 2:30 PM at Main Street United Church, Mitchell

Sunday, December 16 – Pastor Laura and Choir leading worship at the nursing homes in Mitchell. 2:30 Ritz Villa; 3:30 Mitchell Nursing Home

CONDOLENCES

To the family of Hudson Wolfe who passed away on October 1. A private family funeral was held at Lockhart’s on October 6.

To the family of Pearl Henderson who passed away on October 8. Her funeral was held at St Peter’s on October 13.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jacqueline Rose and Andrew Daub who were married at St Peter’s on October 27.

Joan Beuermann

Office Administrator

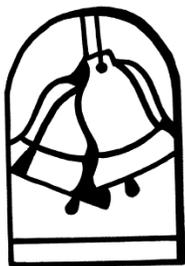
“Awaiting Advent” Gathering – 18th November 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Advent (which begins this year on December 2) is a time of preparation and anticipation as we look to the celebration of Jesus’ birth. On **November 18th**, you are invited to join us downstairs in the church hall following worship for lunch and Advent activities.



One of the activities will be making Advent wreaths. Each family/household will be provided with the base and the candles – you are asked to bring your own decorations (e.g., small pinecones, ribbons, bells, ornaments, or other symbols of the season).

This is an intergenerational event where all ages are invited and welcome!



Bells of Peace – November 11th – 4:50PM

On November 11th, at 5:03PM (sunset) our church bell will toll 100 times in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. This is part of a nationwide initiative of the Royal Canadian Legion. You are invited to join us at the church at **4:50PM** where we will gather for a time of remembrance before the bell is tolled.

Christmas Service of Comfort and Joy Sunday, December 16th – 7:30 PM

For many Christmas can be a bittersweet time of year. It is a time that brings to mind persons, events, and relationships that have been a part of our lives in the past but have now changed or gone. It’s a time that can sometimes feel extra lonely and difficult because our feelings of loss or grief don’t match up with the joy and festivities of the season.

Around this time of year of longest nights, here at St Peter’s we will be offering a quiet, meditative worship service that gives space for remembering, sharing our hurts with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Whether your loss or grief is fresh or you’ve been carrying it for a long time, you may find this service meaningful and you are invited to join us.

Please extend this invitation to your family members and friends.

Youth Group Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 9th – 2:30PM

We will meet at the church and spend the afternoon caroling to some of our homebound members. The afternoon will wrap up with hot drinks at Tim Horton’s in Mitchell. If you are interested in coming out please speak with Rebecca Rapien or Pastor Laura.



Faith and Family – Advent Edition

Sunday morning worship and Sunday School are important ways to nurture and strengthen faith, but faith is part of our lives not only on Sundays. In this column we share some simple ways you can nurture and support your children's/grandchildren's faith at home too.

The word *advent* means “coming.” As Christians we know and celebrate this season of the church year as a time to prepare, reflect, and acknowledge our gift of salvation through God’s Son, Jesus. In addition, during the Advent season Christians anticipate the promised second coming of Christ.

The season of Advent is observed for four weeks, and this year begins on December 2nd.

Because this time of year is such a significant one for children (the lead up to Christmas!), observing Advent at home is a wonderful way to instill in our children the true meaning of Christmas. Traditions like Advent calendars and lighting an Advent wreath are popular ways to do this (and if you don’t already have an Advent wreath, be sure to come out to our “Awaiting Advent” gathering on November 18th where your family can make one together).

One tradition you may want to try this year is an *Advent Paper Chain*. Like an Advent calendar, this is another way to keep track of the days until Christmas, but one that will also help everyone in the family remember the story of Jesus’ birth.

Advent Paper Chain

Cut 2” wide strips of blue paper, one for each day, for the chain. (Blue, the colour of Advent, represents “hope.”) Using the story provided, write one sentence on each strip of paper. Staple or tape the chain links together (in order), and hang the chain in a prominent place. Each day during Advent (Dec 2-24), remove one link, repeating the sentence from that day and the days before. Even small children will be able to tell the Christmas story almost word for word when you read the last link.¹

A Simple re-telling of the Christmas Story

- Dec 2 Long ago God sent the angel Gabriel to bring a message to a young woman who lived in a town called Nazareth.
- Dec 3 The girl's name was Mary and she was engaged to marry a man named Joseph.
- Dec 4 The angel Gabriel said to Mary: 'Peace be with you! God has blessed you and is pleased with you.'
- Dec 5 The angel said to Mary 'You will become pregnant by the Holy Spirit and give birth to a baby boy and you will call him Jesus. He will be God's own Son and his kingdom will never end.'

¹ *Before and After Christmas: Activities and Ideas for Advent and Epiphany. (Augsburg Fortress, 1991).*

- Dec 6 Mary was very afraid but she trusted God. 'Let it happen as God chooses.' she replied to the angel.
- Dec 7 Joseph was worried when he found out that Mary was expecting a baby before their marriage had taken place.
- Dec 8 Then an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said: 'Don't be afraid to have Mary as your wife.'
- Dec 9 The angel explained that Mary had been chosen by God to be the mother of his Son and told Joseph that the baby would be named Jesus which means 'Saviour' because he would save people.
- Dec 10 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel had told him to do and took Mary as his wife.
- Dec 11 At this time, the emperor ordered a census to be taken through the Roman Empire.
- Dec 12 Mary and Joseph traveled a long way (about 70 miles) from Nazareth to Bethlehem, because that is where Joseph's family came from.
- Dec 13 When they reached Bethlehem they had problems finding somewhere to stay. The only place to stay that they could find was with the animals.
- Dec 14 In the place where the animals slept, Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God.
- Dec 15 They wrapped him in a long cloth called 'swaddling clothes' and his bed was the manger that the animals ate their hay from.
- Dec 16 In the hills and fields outside Bethlehem, shepherds looked after their sheep through the long night.
- Dec 17 Suddenly an angel appeared before them and told them: 'Today in Bethlehem a Saviour has been born for you. You will find the baby lying in a manger.'
- Dec 18 Then many more angels appeared, lighting up the sky, praising God singing: 'Glory to God in highest, and peace to everyone on earth.'
- Dec 19 The shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem to see what has happened.'
- Dec 20 So the shepherds went and found the baby Jesus lying in a manger as they had been told.
- Dec 21 When Jesus was born, a brand new bright star appeared in sky.
- Dec 22 Some Wise Men in faraway countries saw the star and guessed what it meant. They set out to find the new king and bring him gifts.
- Dec 23 The Wise Men followed the star towards Bethlehem where it seemed to stop and shine directly down upon the place where Jesus was.
- Dec 24 The Wise Men found Jesus with Mary, they bowed down and worshipped him. The Wise Men spread the gifts they had brought before Jesus: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY 6TH EPIPHANY PARTY

Traditionally the day of Epiphany, which falls twelve days after Christmas, commemorates the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus. Especially in European countries, this "twelfth day" is a day of special celebrations and festivities. This year Epiphany falls on a Sunday and so following worship you are invited downstairs in the church hall for a special Epiphany party. We will join in a potluck lunch, share a special "Twelfth Night Cake" where some special someones will be crowned king or queen, and other celebratory activities.

This is an intergenerational event and all ages are invited and welcome!

Greetings from the church council of St. Peter's:

As we approach the end of another church year here in Brodhagen, we, as council, are proud of the work this congregation has done both within the community and in the wider church. Our commitment to the well-being of our church and its members, and the health of our Synod and National Church, continues to be respected by our brothers and sisters in Christ in the wider church. St. Peter's Brodhagen is a caring congregation that has earned a good reputation within the ELCIC and the Eastern Synod.

We once again had a good turnout from our members at the Interdenominational service at the Mitchell Fall Fair. On September 30, our synod treasurer Keith Myra spoke to the congregation, updating us on the work our mission dollars support within the synod and with other members of our National Church. And on October 21, our annual Skype Service with Deb McCracken and the children of the Olive Branch was held with the Local Food Meal enjoyed after service. Thank you to our Food committee and those who volunteered to prepare the delicious bounty of our community. We are indeed very fortunate in this area. The donations collected from the meal will go to support the work of the Olive Branch in Tanzania.

We are pleased to see that interest in our cemetery columbarium is rising, with a few niches already sold. We have been informed by Nelson Granite that the columbarium delivery date has been postponed to late December or early January. Let us pray that the weather cooperates when the time comes. Any questions about the columbarium construction, delivery or sales should be directed to the cemetery board or any member of church council.

We are looking for volunteers once again. We need a person or persons willing to be the

Keeper of the Keys for the church building. The duties include unlocking the church when required and locking up again. This is a paid contract position.

We are also actively recruiting for church council for the 3 positions opening up in February 2019. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important service to the congregation.

As always, there are maintenance jobs that continue to be required on our church buildings. We wish to thank Mike Uniac for the excellent job of painting the exterior of the church. There is fascia/soffit work still to be completed, and some basement storm windows to replace. Thank you to the property committee for taking care of all the things that need to be done on a regular basis, usually before most of us realize that they need doing.

A special Remembrance Day observance this year will be the ringing of the bells at sunset on November 11 to mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. Notices will go out to the community to inform them of this event called the Bells of Peace, sponsored by the Legion.

As we enter into the holiday season, we on church council wish to extend our greetings and blessings to everyone. May the good will of us all extend to those around us, may we remember all who are in need, in body, mind or spirit, and may we remember the reason for the season.

From your church council:

Maynard Hoegy, Murray Rose, Deb Elligsen, Kim Finlayson, Doug Dietz, Kevin Ludington, Gerald Neeb, Brad Rapien, Rebecca Rapien

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Date	Service Description	Title	Readings	Notes
November 4	10:30 Holy Communion	Elisha Heals Naaman	2 Kings 5:1-15a	All Saints Sunday; Mobility Bus; Sunday School starts upstairs
November 11	10:30 Word and Prayer	Micah	Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8	Sunday School starts upstairs
November 18	10:30 Holy Communion	Swords into Plowshares	Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; then 2:1-4	Sunday School starts upstairs; "Awaiting Advent" event following worship
November 25	10:30 Holy Communion	Christ the King	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Joint Worship with Anglicans and lunch to follow; Family Sunday
December 2	10:30 Holy Communion	1 Advent	Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Rev. Carrie Morrow-Wolfe presiding Mobility Bus Sunday School & Christmas Program practice at 10:30
December 9	10:30 Word and Prayer	2 Advent	Esther 4:1-17	Sunday School & Christmas Program practice 9:00-10:15
December 16	10:30 Holy Communion	3 Advent	Isaiah 42:1-9	Sunday School & Christmas Program practice 9:00-10:15
December 23	10:30 Word and Prayer	4 Advent	Matthew 1:[1-17]18-25	Choir Cantata; Full Christmas Program rehearsal 9:00-10:30
December 24	7:30 Christmas Pageant	Christmas Eve		Sunday School Pageant
December 25	10:30 Holy Communion	Christmas Day	Isaiah 62:6-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:1-20	
December 30	10:30 Lessons & Carols	1 Christmas	Gen 3:8-15; Gen 22:15-18; Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Micah 5:2-4; Luke 1:26-38; Matt 1:18-23; Luke 2:8-16; Matthew 2:1-11; John 1:1-14	
January 6	10:00 Holy Communion	Epiphany of Our Lord/ Magi Visit	Matthew 2:1-23	Epiphany Party following worship

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

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Date	Assistant	Communion Washers	Projectionist	Reader	Greeters
November 4	Deb Elligsen	Brent & Susan Robinson	Jarret Pugh	Wayne Jarmuth	Bob Robinson & Ivan Bennewies
November 11			Joan Beuermann	Sherri Bennewies	Jim & Faye Tubb
November 18	Sherri Bennewies	Mark & Mary Ann Rose	Jan Leonhardt	Gerald Neeb	Margaret Scherbarth & Norlene Bennewies
November 25	Murray Rose	Wayne & Cathy Regele	Sherri Bennewies	Bonnie Beimers	Wayne Hugill & Judy Wood-Hugill
December 2	Deb Elligsen	Keith & Michelle Bennewies	Greg Beuermann	Peter Lejcar	Marion Weir & Kerry DeJong
December 9			Jarret Pugh	Gwen Neeb	Wayne & Cathy Regele
December 16	Sherri Bennewies	Kevin & Cindy Ludington	Joan Beuermann	Elaine Dietz	Murray & Shirley Rose
December 23			Jan Leonhardt		Jean Gloor & Tracy Gloor
December 25	Lynn Hoegy	Richard & Jan Leonhardt	Sherri Bennewies	Bob Robinson	Don & Pauline Beuermann
December 30			Greg Beuermann	Richard Leonhardt Kevin Ludington Lynn Hoegy	Debbie Elligsen & Karen McKinney
January 6	Murray Rose	Sherri Bennewies	Jarret Pugh	Kim Leonhardt	David Bach & Jennifer Hugill

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4 10:30 Holy Communion	5	6	7	8 8:45 Senior Choir	9	10
11 10:30 Word and Prayer 4:50 Bells of Peace	12	13	14	15 8:45 Senior Choir	16	17
18 10:30 Holy Communion "Awaiting Advent"	19	20	21 7:30 Church Council	22 8:45 Senior Choir	23	24
25 10:30 Holy Communion with the Anglican Parish of the Holy Spirit	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Pastor Laura on vacation November 26 - December 2.					
				8:45 Senior Choir		

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2 10:30 Holy Communion 7:30 Community Advent Service	3	4	5	6 8:45 Senior Choir	7	8
9 10:30 Word & Prayer 2:30 Youth Group Caroling	10	11	12	13 8:45 Senior Choir	14	15
16 10:30 Holy Communion Choir at Nursing Homes 2:30 RV; 3:30 MNH 7:30 Comfort & Joy Service	17	18	19 7:30 Church Council	20 8:45 Senior Choir	21	22
23 10:30 Choir Cantata	24 7:30 Christmas Eve Pageant	25 10:30 Holy Communion	26	27	28	29
30 10:30 Lessons & Carols	31					