ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 15th, 2024

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> — The flower this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Janine LaFrance and Jackie Luke in memory of their parents, Jack and Bonita Luke. Thank you, Janine and Jackie!

<u>NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</u>— We will be scheduling a New Member Welcome Sunday in the new year. If you are interested in becoming a member at St. Peter, please see Pastor.

<u>SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR</u>— Pastor Ed is leading a Sunday morning Education Hour today from 11:30a-12:15p.m. For the next few weeks, we will be discussing the book *"Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers"* by Martin Marty. You don't have to have the book to join. All ages are welcome.

<u>CHRISTMAS FAMILIES' MINISTRY</u>—It's not too late! Please consider participating in this ministry either by taking a person(s) name and buying a gift, bringing non-perishable food items, or offering cash to use for the ministry. We are recommending gifts be between \$15-\$25. Please be sure to wrap them and indicate the family number and the person's name on each gift. All gifts and food items must be returned to St. Peter by **Wed. Dec. 18**. We will be packing and sorting all items on Friday, Dec. 20 starting at 11 a.m. Distribution to the families will be Saturday, Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. - noon. If you have any questions, please contact Linn Kracht.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON – There will be a holiday music recital featuring musician from our congregation on Sunday 12/22 after hospitality time (~11:30am). This will take place in the sanctuary. Come enjoy listening to and even singing along with some of your holiday favorites.

<u>PARKING LOT LIGHTING UPDATE</u> – The lights for the side and back parking areas were upgraded this week. There is now much more light in these areas. Thank you to all who helped make this safety upgrade possible.

<u>SPEK SPEAKS</u> -- Many of you know that plastic bags are recyclable at Meijer and other stores. I confirmed recently that candy bags (M & M's), fruit bags like grapes often come in, and frozen vegetable bags can all be recycled through Meijer's bag recycling program as long as they are clean and dry. Good news! Reduce, reuse, recycle, and rethink.

WOMEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY! — Calling all women! The Women's Zoom Bible Study resumed September 11, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This Bible Study uses the Bible Studies in the Gather Magazine, which is produced by the Women of the ELCA. If you are interested, all I need is your email address. All you need is a computer with zoom downloaded. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Heffner, 269-268-9090.

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY—As we close out another year, I would like appreciate all contributions to St. Peter be in by Sunday, dec.29th. Your cooperation would be very much appreciated. Thanks in advance. Jan Ludwig.

THE 2025 SYNOD ASSEMBLY --Will be held from Sunday evening, May 18, through Tuesday afternoon, May 20. St. Peter will elect two voting members at the February Congregational meeting, to be held February 16, 2025. We need to select on male voting member and one female voting member. We also have the option to select one youth voting member between the ages of 14-18 or one young adult voting member between the ages of 18-30. This year will be the re-election or election of a new bishop, as well as conducting other Synod business. Between now and the February meeting, please consider submitting your name in nomination to represent our congregation at the Synod Assembly. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Ed or Dave Marquette.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for those in need of Christ's healing touch:

NEW TO OUR PRAYER LIST

<u>12/15/24</u> Anna Harris (PP) Sandy Mikolajczyk (Eifler & Kopps)

12/08/24

Jeff Jackson (Joyce) Susan Wiley (PP) Nevaeh Weaver (Pr Ed) Mike Egland (Frank)

PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Au Gres and their pastor Rev. Max Miller

MEMBER CONCERNS

Barb Rothbauer, Dennis Struble, Nan Davies, Nancy Douville, Frank Egland, Laverne Dubay, Melissa & Austin, Jeni Bruns, Joan Galli, Don Coss, Tom Wozniak, Glen Pawlowski, Carolyn Boyle, Anthony Dell'Eva, Linda Feld, Linda Seng, Sarah Green, Betty Everest

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Andy Fries (Wozniaks)

MacKinzie Wilson (Strubles) "Poppy" Etheridge (Strubles) Karen Frye (J. Luke) Judy Jones (Duggans) Noaeill Family (Christs) Wendy Eifler (Eifler, Rothbauer & Kopp Families) **Bonnie Ehredt** (Eifler & Kopp Families) **Bob Ehredt** (Eifler & Kopp Families) The O'Rourke Family (J. Brown) Jon Lee (J. Brown) Erin Lynch (J. Brown) Brandon Reynolds (J. Brown) Lori Ward (J. Brown) Lynn Fouts Family (J. Brown) Jordan Canfield (Susan Renée) Sharon Cutler (Madeline Adie) Janice Beal (Judy Nettleton Jacob Underwood (Pawlowski Family) **Bob Callender** (*P Callender*) Mark Johnson (Bill & Debbie Duggan) Daxxus Shalifoe (C. Boyle) **Penny Randall** Karen Overton (Wozniaks) Linda Cumback (Strubles) Jane Marengo (J. Ludwig) Audrey Butterworth (Strubles) Jeff Scott (S. Towell/B. Dale Rehkopf (C. Boyle) Su Woods Aidan McPartlin (Green Family) Gerry Hecht (Strubles) Shawn Green Sr. (Strubles) Cheryl Nawatney (Strubles)

Janet Golliher (Lukowskis) Margaret & Dale Rehkopf (C. Boyle) Margarita De Soto (P. Callender) Jean (Anthony Dell'Eva) Mike (Anthony Dell'Eva) Carolyn Nordyke (Strubles) Bill Jung (The Struble Family) **Tony & Setsuko Stallings Cheryl Hinds** (S. Sebring) Nancy Kelley (Ruble Family) **Craig Miller** Joseph Buckley (Carneys) Rhonda VanWyck Chris Gump (J. Brown) Bill Soleski (N. Douville) Dave Zilligen (PP) Shaina Keller (Eiflers and Kopps) Sandy Donathan (B. Marquette) Susan Wiley (PP) Susan Green (PP) Gail Morgan (B. Heffner) John & Linda Schink (A. Dell'Eva) **Arthur Yates** Austin & Stevie Higgins and Family Jerry Bogart (PP) Lon McNally (J. Meyer) Harmony Dawson (B. Heffner) **Pastor Michael Anton Charlotte Bramlet** (Struble Family) Deborah Dambra (N. Wozniak) Pat Kondrat (S. Eifler) Sally Lester (S. Eifler) Jaime Parent (C. Grimley)

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