



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

343 E. Center Street

Petersburg, MI 49270

Church: 734-279-1949

Parsonage: 279-1108

DECEMBER 2017

Our Mission Statement:

**To Reach OUT with the WORD and
LOVE of JESUS CHRIST to ALL People.**

**"For unto you is born this Day in the City of David a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 11**

DECEMBER 3 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. . Communion

DECEMBER 10 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 17 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. . Communion

DECEMBER 24 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. .

DECEMBER 31 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. . Communion

FELLOWSHIP HALL AVAILABLE

Fellowship Hall is available to rent, for graduation parties, family Reunions, showers etc. contact Jim Waterstradt at 279-2065 or Eudora Judit at 279-2229.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Brian Saylor Family; Shirley Gorr; Pearl Wiech; Norm Sieler; Donna Hagen; Allen and Joyce Siefert; Delores Schultz; Donna Bognar; Linda Moga; Barb Gerber; Harold Gorr and Betty Ott. Our Service Men - John Petcoff; Nicholas Hoover; Aaron Miller and Blake Mason.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ben Mens; Karla Bocskay; Jason Winter; Melissa Perkins; Chris Chmura; Anna Dluzen; Joanne and Jim MacDonald; Amy Stahl; Debra Bruckner; Blake Mason; Holly Harnica; Nicholas Hoover; Lindsey, Sophia and Emma Hess.

ALTAR GUILD FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

DECEMBER - No one is appointed if you would be willing to do so please let Anita Leiter know, someone will walk you through how to set up the altar and filling the candles.

JANUARY - Gloria Chmura and Connie Jensen.

REFRESHMENTS LIST AND DATES FOR 2017

Each family is asked to please furnish 3 dozen cookies or some type of refreshment. Pastor will have coffee pots ready to be plugged in. You will need to put cups and napkins out ahead of time and you are responsible for cleaning up!



Dec. 10 - Andy Stahl - Nancy Hunter - Jeanne Petcoff - Linda Gilson - John Beland.

Dec. 24- No refreshments, Christmas Eve Day.

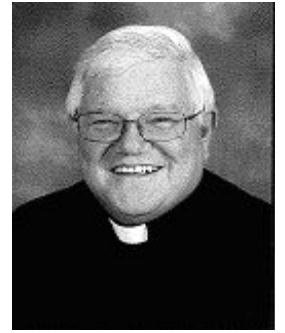
Dec. 31 - No refreshments, New Years Eve.

The Christmas program by our Sunday School Children will take place on Dec. 10th during our Sunday worship service. We need your children to attend practice on Dec. 3 during Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Dec. 10, we will practice upstairs at 9:00 a.m. for the Service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service. Please get them there on time and they will be a blessing to the congregation as this is an important part of every ones Christmas Celebration! And please remember our teachers are working hard to teach our young ones about Christ! And don't forget to give them a thank you once in awhile too!

FROM PASTOR FLORY

Living for Christ expresses our Love and Gratitude for Him.

Faithful living is one aspect of a Christ-like character. In our living, we emulate Jesus Who showed us what it means to love and give. *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for His friends"* (John 15:13). Jesus gave us the greatest and most perfect gift by offering Himself on the Cross. In response to His greatest gift, we become givers rather than "takers." Living and giving and our faith is an expression of our love and gratitude for the Lord. In light of what God has done for us through His Son, how can we not give freely to Him?



Mature Christians who are under the control of the Holy Spirit understand the importance of living for God and do so willingly and cheerfully. The Apostle Paul exhorts us *"Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is"* (Ephesians 5:17). Through faith, we understand that it is God's will that we *"contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality"* (Romans 12:13). In order to reach the lost, we are encouraged to support and do evangelism efforts locally and throughout the world.

As Christians, we live lives in thanksgiving and gratitude because of what God is and has done for us. *"And He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised"* (II Corinthians 5:15). Living for Jesus, we use our time, talent, and treasures responsibly because we know that God gives us all things to glorify and serve Him. Paul put it succinctly, *You were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body"* (I Corinthians 6:20).

As Christians, we are in this world, but we are not of this world. We are warned not to *"love the world or things in the world"* (I John 2:15). We are not in love with this world because we are God's children, our love is directed towards Him rather than the things of this world. We love and worship the Creator, not the creation. Through our faithful living, we demonstrate both our love for Jesus and our ability, by His grace, to break the grip that things of this world can have on us.

Inadequate as we are, God uses us as His hands, feet, and mouth. *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10). We are His children. As redeemed people of God, we are called and equipped to render willingly the firstfruits of our lives and resources to Him.

Blessings to you and your family this Christmas season,

Pastor Mark Flory

p.s. There are a lot of things going on at Church this time of year, Advent (the Season) and Soup-n-sandwiches on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at 6:00 p.m. Advent Wednesday night service after Soup-n-Sandwich at 7:00 p.m., Christmas program on Dec. 10, Christmas Eve Day Service, also Christmas Eve night (7:00 p.m.) service and Christmas day service at 10:30 a.m. Plus, plenty of other activities that you do every year and it seems you don't have enough time to do them all. **BUT PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE JESUS BEHIND** in whatever you do this year. Take Him with you no matter where you go and be a **BOLD** witness for Him for He is the greatest gift you will have and share with all in your life.

p.s. Have a blessed and merry Christmas and give God the GLORY as the Angels did long ago as He came into this world for **US!**

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Advent Service at 7:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwiches at 6:00 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Children's Christmas Program	11	12 Elders at 7:00 p.m.	13 Advent Service at 7:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwiches at 6:00 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18	19 Council at 7:00 p.m.	20 Advent Service at 7:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwiches at 6:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve day Service at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. 31 New Years Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Service at 10:30 a.m.	26	27	28	29	30
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>ELDERS ON DUTY</u> Tom Preston - Tom Stahl	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	
3rd. 9:00 Sunday School Adult Class		Clint White	Ken Mason		In Memory of Helen Babcock	
10th. 9:00 Sunday School Adult Class		Jim Waterstradt				
17th. 9:00 Sunday School Adult Class		Tom Preston	Tom Stahl			
24th. 9:00 Sunday School Adult Class		Ken Mason				
31st. 9:00 Sunday School Adult Class		Tom Stahl	Clint White			

THOSE SERVING THE LORD

Pastor: Mark Flory: 734-279-1949

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Anita Leiter & Mary Tomell

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