



# St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Growing Disciples for Jesus

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First Sunday of Advent

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**WELCOME!** We rejoice to have you join our prayer today. If you are a visitor, sign our guest book in the narthex and let the pastor know so that he may greet you. Know that you are always welcome among us! Large print worship resources are available. Speak to an usher if they might assist you and inform an usher if you would like to receive communion in the pew.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Muriel Ryan by her family.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** We encourage you to name loved ones aloud during appropriate times at prayers.

Please call the church office to request names to be listed in the bulletin. Names are listed for two weeks, and may be continued by your request. Prayers for Healing are requested for (members in bold type): **Wally Allison**, Danielle Becker (daughter-in-law of Wally), **Rob Befumo**, **Maria Berdat**, **Ludmela Bode**, **Arlene Bottone**, **John Crean**, **Erna Cusick**, **Michael Daddura**, Elisabeth Dorovich (Hannelore Born's friend), Howard Fay (friend of Kathy Abdis), **Cathy Fey**, **Jeanne Fry**, **Steve Gilmore**, **Laurie Haddock**, **Harold Haug**, Carol and Jeff Hastings (Eileen Haritonides family), **Kaethe Koepl**, **Phillip Kraese**, Charles Lipp, **Phebe Moffett**, Kirk Niemann (Argie Loizides' friend), **Evelyn Petrasek**, Greg Pfeifer (friend of Judi Nelson), **Miguel Roman**, Ronald Rossbach (Franklin's brother), **Eleanor Scherff**, Jeanne Smith, Catherine Sporre (daughter-in-law of Mary), **Mary Sporre**, **Joanne Taglino** + the family of **Muriel Ryan**

**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** classes meet each week for children age 3 through grade 6. Shared gathering for students (and parents) is at 9:30 AM in the chapel before children go to individual classes.

**ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE** – We continue to invite the congregation to make **STEWARDSHIP RESPONSES** today. Commitment cards are in the narthex or outside the chapel. Completed cards may be returned through the Offering or by mail to the Parish Office. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ. We thank those who have already pledged.



Pre-ordered Wreaths are available for pick-up after worship. There may be a few for sale if you did not pre-order.



St. Peter's **CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** will be held this year on Sunday, December 9, 11 AM to 4 PM. Come and shop and take time to stop for lunch or an afternoon snack.



*Advent*

**MID-WEEK ADVENT GATHERINGS** begin this Wednesday. We will share responsive prayer and Bible study at 11:00 AM in the chapel. And, in the evening at 7:30 PM, we will share sung Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary. The evening prayer service will be preceded each week by a simple soup supper at 6:30 PM. May these gatherings feed our growing relationship with God and one another during this season of preparation. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a light supper at 6:30 PM followed by caroling at 7:00 PM.



**BIBLE STUDY**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** groups gather on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM & 7:30 PM. *During Advent the morning group will begin with a brief worship service in the chapel and continue with Bible study. The evening group will not meet until the new year.* Each week is an informal discussion of the next Sunday's lectionary (the lessons read at worship). Come when you can to prepare to receive God's Word with advance reflection and greater understanding.

**This Week's Daily Readings**... Monday: Psalm 90, Numbers 17:1-11, 2Peter 3:1-18; Tuesday: Psalm 90, 2Samuel 7:18-29, Revelation 22:12-16; Wednesday: Psalm 90, Isaiah 1:24-31, Luke 11:29-32; Thursday: Luke 1:68-79, Malachi 3:5-12, Philippians 1:12-18a; Friday: Luke 11:68-79, Malachi 3:13-18, Philippians 1:18b-26; Saturday: Luke 1:68-79, Malachi 4:1-6, Luke 9:1-6. Sunday's readings and psalm for the **Second Sunday in Advent**: Malachi 3:1-4 or Baruch 5:1-9, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6.



**DECEMBER MISSION:** We are collecting pasta and sauce. Please place your donations in the baskets and boxes in the narthex or outside the chapel.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND FORMS** are included in this week's bulletin, and extras are available in available in the narthex and outside the chapel. Please return the forms by December 16<sup>th</sup> to be included in the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day bulletins.

**FUNdraiser** for our Mission Team will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at California Pizza Kitchen in Walt Whitman Shops. 20% of your check will be donated to the Mission Team when you present the flyer available in the narthex or outside the chapel.

**HIHI SHELTERING NIGHTS NEED YOU!** With the winter season now upon us, St. Peter's has once again agreed to serve as a host site for the homeless men of our area on 8 nights. This very successful program relies on the generosity of the congregation, and once again we are reaching out to the members of St. Peter's. Please check the sign-in board in the narthex to find a way to help us provide a safe, warm environment for the less fortunate members of our community this winter. The dates are: Monday, Dec. 10, Monday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve), Monday, Jan. 7, Thursday, Jan. 31; Thursday, Feb. 7, Monday, Feb. 18, Monday, February 25, Monday, March 11 and Monday, March 25. For more information, please contact Peter Hayes at 631-421-1708.

**SERVING AT WORSHIP THIS WEEK...**

Saturday: Nancy Barker, assisting minister  
 Sunday: Sarah Humphrey, assisting minister  
 Mike Jensen and Bob Galler, lectors  
 Luke Davis and Sophia Iovino, acolytes

*Next week...*

Saturday: Steve Haddock, assisting minister  
 Sunday: Doreen Buckman, assisting minister  
 Louise Litke and Elena Davis, lectors  
 Colton Kraese and Logan Glidden, acolytes

**FROM THE TREASURER:**

Offering Envelopes	Last Week (11/25/18)	Since 7/1/18
Amount received	\$2,913	\$111,404
Amount needed weekly	\$5,936	\$118,722
Over (Under)	(\$3,023)	(\$7,318)

We count on your **REGULAR OFFERINGS**...Help us keep our "balanced budget" balanced, by making sure that your pledge or planned giving to the church is up to date.

For those of you who are interested, St. Peter's offers an **ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION** for making donations on a scheduled, automated basis. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed financial consistency for the church. Contact the parish office (423-1013) for more information or to enroll in this program.

**LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS...** On Saturday, we were 16 at 5:30 PM worship and on Sunday we were 71 at 10:00 AM worship.

 **REGISTRATION** for LILBL basketball season continues We are looking for players, coaches and volunteers! Email Rob Befumo [stpetersbasketball@yahoo.com](mailto:stpetersbasketball@yahoo.com) for more info.

 We cordially invite guests 60 and older to our monthly Senior Luncheon. Join us for a delicious homemade meal, served buffet style, on the second Saturday of each month. Bring a friend; all are welcome for great food and fellowship. Our next **SENIOR LUNCHEON** is Saturday, Dec. 8th: Please call Hannelore Born at 631-757-1487 to RSVP.

**NURSERY PRESCHOOL:** Classes have begun. For more information about the many programs, please contact the Nursery/Preschool office at 631-423-9523.



The Followers have are meeting! If you are in 7th-12th grade and are looking to meet new people, become more involved with the church and plan fun activities- come join us on the 1st Saturday of each month in our brand new youth room from 7pm-8:30pm! Questions and suggestions can be directed to the Youth Group volunteer leaders (Sarah and Ryan Humphrey) at: [snc927@gmail.com](mailto:snc927@gmail.com) or call/text 917-935-3429. Hope to see you there! The Followers have an Instagram page! Follow us at: [stpetersyouthhuntington](https://www.instagram.com/stpetersyouthhuntington) for updates on future events and see pictures from some of our past events! The Followers have a Facebook page! Follow us at: [The Followers-St. Peters Youth Group](https://www.facebook.com/The-Followers-St.-Peters-Youth-Group) for updates on future events and see pictures from some of our past events!

**HEALING PRAYER:** Those seeking the healing of body, mind or spirit (for oneself or for a loved one) are encouraged to make regular use of this ministry that includes the laying on of hands, prayer and anointing. It is offered on any Sunday (or Saturday) after worship to anyone who requests it of the pastor.

**PASTOR NELSON** (who answers to "Pastor Frank" as well) generally has office hours 9:00 AM to Noon weekdays when he can be reached through the Church Office. His home phone # is (631) 470-4642; his cell # is (516) 841-8423; and his email address is [prfnelson@aol.com](mailto:prfnelson@aol.com). Do not hesitate to be in touch if there are pastoral needs.



This Week at St. Peter's

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**

Jubilate Choir Rehearsal	8:45 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Holy Communion (in sanctuary)	10:00 AM
Basketball Game	3:30 PM

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**

Yoga	6:30 PM
Handbells	7:30 PM

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

Worship/Bible Study	11:00 AM
Confirmation Classes	6:30 PM
Advent Supper	6:30 PM
Advent Mid-week Worship	7:30 PM

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Mission Team's FUNdraiser at California Pizza Kitchen	
Family Choir	7:00 PM

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**

Senior Luncheon	noon
Holy Communion (in chapel)	5:30 PM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

Jubilate Choir Rehearsal	8:45 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Holy Communion (in sanctuary)	10:00 AM
Christmas Boutique	11:00 AM
Basketball Game	4:45 PM