



# St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Growing Disciples for Jesus

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Epiphany of our Lord

January 6, 2019

**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.

**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**, Hannah Barbu (granddaughter of Luanne DeRosa), Mackenzie and Julianna Becker (granddaughters of Wally), Julie Becker, **Ludmela Bode**, **Arlene Bottone**, **John Crean**, **Erna Cusick**, **Michael Daddura**, Elisabeth Dorovich (Hannelore Born's friend), **Cathy Fey**, **Jeanne Fry**, Ruth Guilfoyle (Judi Nelson's mother), **Steve Gilmore**, Carol and Jeff Hastings (Eileen Haritonides family), Nancy Holsten, **Kaethe Koepl**, **Phillip Kraese**, Charles Lipp, **Phebe Moffett**, Kirk Niemann (Argie Loizides' friend), **Evelyn Petrsek**, Greg Pfeifer (friend of Judi Nelson), **Miguel Roman**, Ronald Rossbach (Franklin's brother), **Eleanor Scherff**, Jeanne Smith, **Mary Sporre**, **Joanne Taglino**, Steve Wachenfeld (father-in-law of Timothy Eagen)

Our usual fifth Sunday **FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH** has been moved to Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us following worship for a delicious Epiphany brunch in the lower auditorium.

**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.

**JANUARY MISSION:** This month we are asking for specific items that The Followers will be collecting to turn into "blessing bags" that will be handed out at the HIHI nights we host. We are asking for socks, underwear, hats, gently used sweatshirts/jackets, HotHands hand or toe warmers, gloves, small travel sized hand sanitizer, comb, protein or granola bars, pocket sized Kleenex, cough drops, gum or mints.

**REMINDER:** January 6, 2019 is the last day offerings can be received for 2018. Please designate them as 2018 offerings if you wish them counted for that year; otherwise, offerings received after December 31, 2018 will be recorded for 2019.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Congregation Meeting; January 27, 2019, following service, in the lower auditorium. All church members are encouraged to attend and hear what the flat roof repair will entail. **All voting members are urged to attend;** the funding proposal for the flat roof repair will be voted on at this meeting.

**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. May the Spirit guide us in growing as faithful stewards! And may our congregation's continued ability to grow ministry here be the result. We thank those who have already pledged. After seven weeks, we have received 43 commitment cards, pledging \$192,728 to ministry in the new year.

**ORGAN MAINTENANCE and 'YEAR OF THE ORGAN' CONCERT** - Over the next two weeks our organ will be undergoing long-term maintenance to its wind reservoirs, and will not be available for use in services on January 13 and 20. We look forward to the organ's return on Sunday, January 27. And watch for our next 'Year of the Organ' event, a solo recital by concert organist David Hurd, on Tuesday, February 5 at 7:30 pm.



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** groups gather on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM & 7:30 PM. 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 72, Daniel 2:1-19, Ephesians 4:17-5:1; Tuesday: Psalm 72, Daniel 2:24-49, Ephesians 5:15-20; Wednesday: Psalm 72, Numbers 24: 15-19, Luke 1: 67-79; Thursday: Psalm 29, Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Friday: Psalm 29, Ecclesiastes 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 2:1-10; Saturday: Psalm 29, Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, 1 Corinthians 2:11-16; Nest Sunday – Baptism of our Lord: Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3 15-17, 21-22.

**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, 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.

**LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS...** On Saturday, we were 13 at 5:30 PM worship and on Sunday we were 48 at 10:00 AM worship.

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

Saturday: Steve Haddock, assisting minister  
 Sunday: Karen Maresco, assisting minister  
 Elena Davis and Ashley Marciszyn, lectors  
 Jillian Vesque, crucifer  
 Victoria Befumo and  
 Kyle Haritonides, acolytes

*Next week...*

Saturday: Nancy Barker, assisting minister  
 Sunday: Louise Litke, assisting minister  
 Argie Loizides and Sarah Humphrey, lectors  
 Isabella and Victoria Frangione, acolytes

**FROM THE TREASURER:**

Offering Envelopes	Last Week (12/30/18)	Since 7/1/18
Amount received	\$2,532	\$143,199
Amount needed weekly	\$4,749	\$142,467
Over (Under)	(\$2,226)	\$732

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.



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, January. 12th: Please call Hannelore Born at 631-757-1487 to RSVP.



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 for updates on future events and see pictures from some of our past events!

**ST. PETER'S NURSERY/PRESCHOOL** -In January, we begin our registration process for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration for St. Peter's members in good standing, takes place during the first 2 weeks of January: registration forms may be picked up in the Church office. In house mail in registration begins January 19, 2019, alumni registration – January 28, 2019, and open enrollment – January 30, 2019. For more information, please contact the Nursery/Preschool office at 631-423-9523.

**A GIFT** has been given to the General Fund in honor of Maisie Wagner on her first birthday by Bunny and Mike Wagner; to St. Peter's Memorial Fund and the Mission Team in loving memory of Muriel Ryan by Ann and Roy Olsen and Susan and Peter Catalano Jr

**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 [prflnelson@aol.com](mailto:prflnelson@aol.com). Do not hesitate to be in touch if there are pastoral needs.



This Week at St. Peter's

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**

Jubilate Choir Rehearsal	8:45 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Holy Communion (in sanctuary)	10:00 AM
Fellowship Brunch	following worship
Basketball Game	4:45 PM

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

HIHI Sheltering Night	6:00 PM
Yoga	6:30 PM
Handbells	7:30 PM

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**

Bible Study	11:00 AM
Confirmation Classes	6:30 PM
Bible Study	7:30 PM

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

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