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We are disciples of Jesus Christ our Savior, called to worship and serve!

Our Church Leaders

Pastor
Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

President
Larry Hasselschwert

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Karl Mauerhan

Recording Secretary
Loni Ankney

Financial Secretary
Tonya Loughborough

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Cheryl Dewire

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Nici Manahan
(vacant)
Cathy Schuller

Board of Trustees
Scott Dick
Pat Manahan
Doug Michael

Christmas Greetings from our Presiding Bishop:

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation!"
Isaiah 52:7

When Jesus was born, angelic messengers broke the still calm of a Judean night to sing joyously and proclaim, "This very day in David's city a Savior is born for you — God's Promised One, your Lord." Glad tidings of great joy! Common shepherds were the first and heartiest heralds of the promised Savior's arrival then, and today the joy in Jesus' birth fills every corner of this season.

Admittedly sometimes in modern America the commercial clatter and cultural clutter of the season seem to overtake the angels' song and the shepherds' joyous news. But such a majestic message of God's salvation cannot be silenced. Some loudly

lament that the world will not listen to the Gospel message, but in this season so many beckon, "Christians, sing with us. Bring your songs of Christmas, of Jesus." A few may shush you, just as there were those who would later attempt to silence Jesus and his message of God's remarkable, revolutionary mercy, even to the point of crucifixion.

If so, then that is all the more reason to enter into the commotion and clutter, to let go of your inhibitions, to join the angels in singing and the shepherds in exulting with unashamed joy: Jesus, the Savior is born!

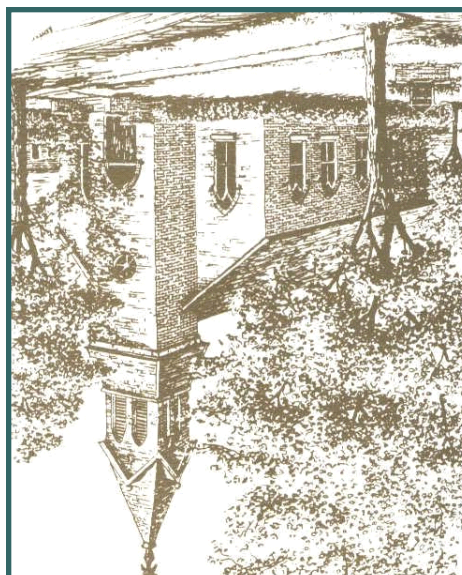
*"Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy."
"See, your salvation comes."
Isaiah 52:8; 62:11*

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop: ELCA

Join Us For Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning

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May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake

A Christmas Message from Bishop Marcus Lohrmann and the NWOS Staff

From Heaven Above

*From heav'n above to earth I come to
bear good news to ev'ry home!*

*Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the
world, and gladly sing.*

*The blessing that the Father planned the
Son holds in his infant hand,*

*that in his kingdom, bright and fair, you
may with us his glory share.*

Martin Luther, 1539

May you experience the depth of
His love and the fullness of His
grace as you celebrate the coming
of His Son this Christmas season.

Bishop Marcus C. Lohrmann
and
staff of the Northwestern Ohio Synod

Greetings from our Pastor:

It is fitting in the midst of these Holy Days to ponder and reflect on the inspirational greetings shared by our Presiding Bishop, Mark Hanson and our own Bishop, Marcus Lohrmann.

Their greetings remind us that the birth of Christ is good news for all of God's people from this congregation, throughout the Northwestern Ohio Synod, across the ELCA, and around the world. Together we kneel, bow and adore the new born king laying in a manger, born in Bethlehem two millennia ago.

May the greetings of the shepherds be the greetings you share with you and yours as you gather and celebrate with your families!

May the songs of the Angels be the songs you sing as you give praise and thanks to God for this wondrous gift!

May the determination of the Magi, give you strength at you set forth to share the good news!

May the love of the Holy Family, surround you, as you share the rich and abundant love of Christ with the rest of the world.

A blessed and holy Christmas to each of you!

Rev. Clayton J. Baker



Financial News:

November

General Fund: \$8,728.68
General Expenses: \$9,002.14
Summary: (\$273.46)

All Offerings: \$9,269.93
All Expenses: \$9,643.39
Summary: (\$373.46)

Year To Date:

General Fund: \$111,257.65
General Expenses: \$111,108.83
Summary: \$148.82

All Offerings: \$128,312.73
All Expenses: \$133,352.67
Summary: (\$5,039.94)

Fund Balances

Fund	October	In	Out	November
General Fund:	(\$888.75)	\$8,728.68	\$9,002.14	(\$1,162.21)
Memorial Fund:	\$6,660.47			\$6,660.47
Building Fund:	\$10,438.11	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$10,338.11
Air Cond. Fund:	\$7,449.76			\$7,449.76
Misc. Fund:	\$669.04	\$491.25	\$491.25	\$669.04
Summary:	\$24,328.63			\$23,955.17

Attendance Summary:

Nov 7	99
Nov 14	80
Nov 21	83
Nov 28	64
Monthly Average:	82
YTD Average:	96



*Merry Christmas
& a
Happy New Year!*



Council Summary:

November 2010

The council of St. Peter's Lutheran Church met on November 15, 2010 in the Parish Hall. Those members present were Pastor Bailey, Larry Hasselschwert, Karl Mauerhan, Ladena Ankney, Loni Ankney, Jan Mollett, Larry Wilson, Cheryl Dewire, Nici Manahan, Scott Dick, Pat Manahan, and Doug Michael.

Devotions: Devotions were led by Pastor Bailey covering God's Grace Daily from the *Here We Stand* catechism teachings.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the October 18th meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Scott Dick with a second from Larry Wilson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: If the giving continues at the current rate we should be out the hole by the end of the year! Motion to accept the report as presented was made by Larry Wilson with a second from Pat Manahan. Motion carried. A motion to pay the open invoices in the amount of \$1,049.47 was made by Loni Ankney with a second by Larry Wilson. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will be co-teaching a Bible Study throughout November. Pastor will be taking vacation time November 11-14 and traveling over Thanksgiving holiday November 22-28. Pastor led 6 worship services, had 21 visitations, taught 7 classes, and attended 14 meetings in the month of October.

Old Business: Letters were mailed out to the catechism student's parents with adjustments made to the curriculum.

New Business: A letter was received from Global Mission Board asking for celebration of Global Missions through prayer and donations. Teddy Bear Sunday will be the 2nd Sunday in December. EAMA will be doing some different things this holiday season to help those in need.

The council Christmas party will be December 11 at Pastor's home. After brief budget discussion a motion to accept the proposed budget was made by Karl Mauerhan with a second from Ladena Ankney. Motion carried. A motion to present the proposed budget to the congregation on December 12 was made by Larry Wilson with a second from Karl Mauerhan. Motion carried. The nominating committee for council sent out 19 letters. The new worship schedule was presented. A motion to accept the new schedule was made by Ladena Ankney with a second by Larry Wilson, Motion carried.

Board of Education: We are preparing for the children's Christmas program scheduled for December 26th. Ladena thanked the board of education for their selection of Sunday School materials for this year as she really enjoys it.

Deacons: The 2011 sign-up sheet for readers and ushers will be available next Sunday.

Trustees: Pat Manahan will seal the front door for winter to stop the leak. Doug Michael is to rix the hand railing. The new furnace is in the basement and will be up and running by the end of the week.

There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Karl Mauerhan with a second from Loni Ankney. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Loni Ankney.

Recording Secretary

**Results of
Congregational Budget Meeting:**

Yes - 38

No - 7

Upcoming Events:

Family Fun Night

Join us on Wednesday, January 5 for Family Fun Night as we gather to learn more about the Twelve Days of Christmas and all of the wonderful gifts that God has blessed us with. Family time begins at 6:00 p.m. and Confirmation will follow at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget Children of all ages are welcome to attend!

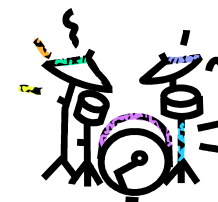


Second Helping Sunday

On January 9th we will celebrate the relationships our Synod shares with Tanzanian and Serbian communities. During this Second Helping Sunday, we reflect on the ministry of the greater church and offer our support through the free will offerings we gather.

Winter Jam

The congregation and youth group are invited to a winter concert event on Sunday, January 23 at the Fort Wayne Coliseum. Come and see Newsboys, David Crowder Band, Sidewalk Prophets, and many others. Cost is \$10 per person. We'll gather at the church at 2:00 pm, grab an early dinner, and enjoy the show.



EAMA Prayer Service For Christian Unity

Together we gather as a community of faith at St. Joseph's Catholic on January 23 at 7 p.m. as we pause and give thanks for our unity in Christ.

Community Meal

St. Peter's is to host the Community Meal on January 25. We give thanks as a community that we are able to provide for the 125 or more that attend every month, and remember that many hands make light work. Stay tuned on ways that you can help in the month ahead.



Annual Congregational Meeting: February 6, 2011



The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held in the church sanctuary on February 6, 2011 immediately following the worship service. We urge all members to attend this meeting. A Baked Potato Lunch will follow.

"Thank You"

Pastor C J and our Church Family,

We want to express our sincere thanks to each of you for all of the deep concern and prayers extended to us now and during our grief losing Allyson.

Your many acts of kindness is heart warming..

God bless each of you.

Mike, Tammy, Wayne, Char,
Jeff, Cynthia, Branigan, Lindsay
Shelley, Todd, Danielle, & Jared

Hear our Prayers For:

- Lorena Babb
- Kent Becker
- Chip Bumb
- Doris Burkhardt ~ Fountain Inn, Bryan
- Carol Cook ~ Brain Tumor
- Annabelle Coles ~ home recovery
- Mark David ~ Restarting Life
- Tim Disbro ~ coma
- Fritz Entenman ~ Stroke
- Ellie Foster ~ homebound
- Hazel Gearhart ~ Hillside Ass't Living
- Marilyn Goeckerman ~ Lymphoma
- Bob Gerding ~ degenerative brain disorder
- Dale Harroff ~ Assisted Living
- David Ivey`
- Greg Kaiser ~ cancer
- Ed Kaltenbach
- Paula Kramer
- Donna Lump ~ nursing home
- Pat Meyers ~ home bound
- Larry Mollett
- Tyler Priest
- Dennis Rummel ~ coma
- Andy Skiles
- Natalie Siebenaler ~ surgery
- Tom Troxel
- Travis Turner ~ cancer survivor
- Vicki Woolace - cancer
- Pauline Zachrich ~ homebound



WOTC



Ladies, your 2011 WOTC booklet is now available in the Narthex for your schedules, etc.

Please pick them up as soon as possible.

Nominations for 2011 Council

The nominating committee is putting together a slate of officers for 2011. Needed are:

Vice President

Assistant Financial Secretary

Recording Secretary

If you or anyone is interested in volunteering for one of these positions please see: Larry Haselschwert, Scott Dick, of Tiffany McBride

Servants for January

- Ushers**
- Jan 2 - 30 The Doug Michael Family
- Readers**
- Jan 2 - 30 The Doug Michael Family
- Acolyte**
- Jan 2 Kaden Sapp
- Jan 9 Taylor Schuller
- Jan 16 Brendon Young
- Jan 23 Graeden Rupp
- Jan 30 Alex Kiess

January Fellowship Committee

- *Sandy Kaiser ~ *Laura McCrea
- Marie Goebel ~ Deb Swank ~ Jodi Parsons
- Rhonda Curry ~ Wilma Entenman
- Linda Reitzel ~ Jan Chrisman
- Jeannine Walker

Altar Flowers

- Jan 2 open
- Jan 9 open
- Jan 16 open
- Jan 23 open
- Jan 30 Ladena Ankney



January Altar Guild

- Tina Surfus
- Tiffany McBride

From our Circles:

Friendship will meet January 3, 2011 in the church parish hall. Leader and Hostess are ???

Mary Martha Circle will meet January 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. with a noon luncheon of sandwiches and dessert.

Year End Reports For Annual Congregational Meeting February 6, 2011

Annual Year End Reports from all circle chairmen for our Annual Congregational Report Meeting will be due in the church office no later than January 16, 2011. Thank you.

Woman To Woman

January 2011

I am thankful loving Father,

1. For this new year. Help me to do your will.
Dime
2. For all that you have given me. Help me to see it.
Nickel
3. For those who take the time to use their talents to enhance our worship services.
Quarter
4. For those who serve in our military at home and away. Be with them.
Nickel
5. That I can pay my bills this month, and I pray for those who can't.
dime
6. For the house I have to clean, and I pray for those who have none.
Fifteen cents
7. For the gift of caring. Help me to use it.
Nickel
8. For you and all that you do for me.
Quarter
9. For my talents. Help me to use them to your glory.
Dime
10. For this beautiful building in which to worship you.
Dime
11. For this new day to serve you. I pray for strength to do your will, not mine.
Nickel
12. For the stars that show us your magnitude.
Fifteen cents
13. For the world leaders who try so hard for peace.
Quarter
14. For the firemen and policemen who work so hard.
Nickel
15. For the gift of a smile. Do others receive a smile from me?
Dime
16. For the mail carrier and all the surprises he/she brings me.
Fifteen cents
17. That I can worship today. I pray for those who are not able.
Quarter
18. For the gift of sight. I pray for those who cannot see.
Dime
19. For the laundry to do. I pray for those without enough to wear.
Nickel
20. For the strength you give me throughout the day.
Fifteen cents
21. For prayer and I pray that you teach me to use it.
Nickel
22. For your peace which passes all understanding.
Dime
23. For the gift of patience that I know you are sending me.
Dime
24. For the Bible through which I can hear and see your presence.
Quarter
25. For your forgiveness. Do I need to forgive someone? Help me, Lord.
Fifteen cents
26. For being there for those who are hurting. Let them know your presence.
Nickel
27. For these two hands. Am I using them for your?
Dime
28. For the beauty of the crunching snow. It reminds me of your presence in all things.
Nickel
29. For friends and I pray that I am one.
Fifteen cents
30. For this Sabbath Day. Let this be your day. Alleluia.
Quarter
31. For all the gifts that you have given me in 2010.
dime.

From The Messenger

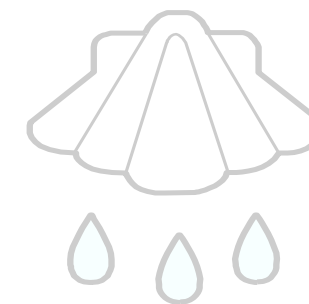
January Birthdays:

2	Ladena Ankney	17	Cheryl Michael	27	Jacob Brown
4	Stephanie Rockey		Rodney Bauer	28	Linda Reitzel
	Kaden Sapp	18	Andre Loughborough	29	Niann Lautzenhiser
8	Brenda Hasselschwert	20	Reid Bowling		
9	Suzanne Michael	23	Michelle Dick		
11	James Gearhart	25	Robert Frey		
	Stormlin Osborn		Lane Reitzel		
12	John Bailey		Christina Bell		
14	Marie Goebel	26	Joyce Whitney		
15	Shelby Everetts	26	Sandra Gearhart		
16	Krystal Hake	27	Cheryl Dewire		



Remembering your Baptism:

1	Arvilla Kaiser	6	Addyson Fritch	27	Joey Reitzel
	Cindy Osborn		Ric Brandt		
	Pat McCullough	7	Andrew Bailey		
	Pat Meyers	8	Graham Nester		
	Debra Nester	14	Garrett Whitney		
	Jan Chrisman	16	James Gearhart		
	Cheryl Dewore	19	Paul Burkhardt		
	Tom Kirk	20	Shelli Curtis		
4	Carissa Fritch		Jodi Parsons		
		25	Cheryl Michael		



January Anniversaries:

- 17 Tom & Jodi Parsons
- 18 Wayne & Rose Chrisman
- 31 Kenny & Barb Mason





January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy New Year!
2 Second Sunday of Christmas 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Family Sunday School and Fellowship Hour	3 7:30 pm Friendship Circle	4	5 6:00 pm Family Fun Night 7:00 pm Confirmation	6 Epiphany 10 am Mary Martha Circle	7 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	8
9 Baptism of Our Lord <i>Second Helping Sunday</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	10	11 7:30 pm WELCA	12 6:30 pm Confirmation	13	14 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	15
16 Second Sunday after Epiphany <i>Annual Report Deadline</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	17 7:00 pm Board Meetings 7:30 pm Council Meeting	18	19 6:30 pm Confirmation	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	22
23 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Winter Jam Trip 7:00 pm EAMA Prayer Service	24	25 5:00 pm Community Meal	26 6:30 pm - Confirmation	27	28 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	29
30 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	31					

← Pastor at Continuing Education Retreat →