

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Built on the Rock of Jesus Christ



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## January 2023

### From the Pastor: Janus or Jesus?

January is named after the Roman god Janus, the guardian of doors and gates. The month of January, which opens the door to a new year and closes it to the past, was sacred to him. As a door has two sides, so Janus was represented by having two faces. The doors of his temple in the Forum were shut in time of peace and open in time of war. In Rome's history these gates were rarely closed.

Born when Rome ruled the world, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, also associated Himself with a door. *"I am the door; if anyone enters by Me, he will be saved."* (John 10:9)

We do well to commit ourselves to Jesus as January 1 opens the door to a New Year. Time passes, centuries come and go, empires fall, rulers die, idols like Janus are forgotten, but Jesus lives. He is *"the same yesterday and today and forever."* (Heb. 13:8)

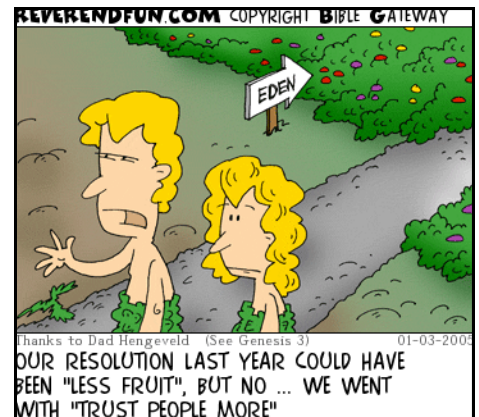
As this year begins, we ask ourselves: are we for Janus or Jesus? If we live for the things of this world we are for Janus. If we enjoy a good fight- we are again for Janus.

But if we put the true God on top, seek first His kingdom, work for peace because we know we are forgiven and reconciled with God through the death of His Son, we are for Jesus. We have chosen well, for Jesus is *"the author and perfecter of our faith."* (Heb. 12:2) He is the only way to the Father, the only door to eternal life.

May He guard us this year and always.

*(Each Day with Jesus, Janus or Jesus?; CPH 1999)*

God's Blessings on your New Year,



# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> NO SS/ABC 930a- Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Pastor gone 	<b>4</b>  6p- Midweek 730- Elders Mtg	<b>5</b> 9a- Mission of Love 5p- Men's/ Women's BS 7p- Church Council	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10a- Tree Takedown
<b>8</b> 830a-SS/ABC 930a- Worship BoCE Mtg. 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  6p- Midweek	<b>12</b> 9a- Mission of Love  5p- Men's/ Women's BS	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 830a-SS/ABC 930a- Worship Voter's Mtg.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 930a- Winkel (Ft. Scott)	<b>18</b>  6p- Midweek	<b>19</b> 9a- Mission of Love  5p- Men's/ Women's BS	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 830a-SS/ABC 930a- Worship	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>24</b> 10a-Cares/ Concerns Mtg.	<b>25</b>  6p- Midweek	<b>26</b> 9a- Mission of Love  5p- Men's/ Women's BS	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 830a-SS/ABC 930a- Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# Who's Preaching?

January 1– Pastor Jennings  
Elder– Bret Hauser

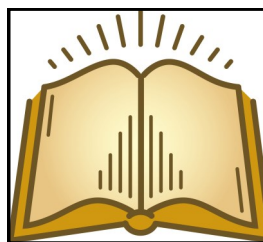
January 8– Pastor Erv Daugherty  
Elder– Bret Hauser

January 15– Pastor Jennings  
Elder– Bret Hauser

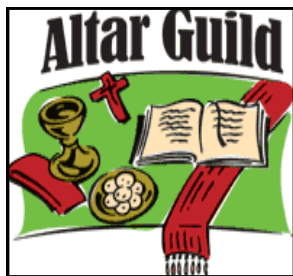
January 22– Pastor Jennings  
Elder– Bret Hauser

January 29– Pastor Jennings  
Elder– Bret Hauser

## + Christian Symbol +



**OPEN BOOK** — A book symbolizes the Bible, the written Word of God. When shown open, a book represents truth or revelation. Apostles and saints are often pictured holding an open book, understood as the New Testament writings of the early Christian church.



Carol Stoll

### Divine Service Settings

January 1– DS3  
January 8– Hymn Sing  
January 15– DS3  
January 22– DS3  
January 29– DS3

Please keep the following families in your prayers:

### **January 1**

Baker, Rita  
Baker, Joe/Anita

### **January 8**

Baker, Scott/Greta  
Baker, Tim/Judy

### **January 15**

Beagley, Mick/Charlene  
Beeman, Keith/Gloria

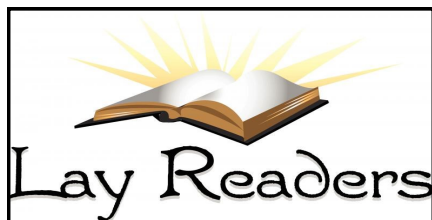
### **January 22**

Bettis, Cheryl  
Brown, Bobby/Mary

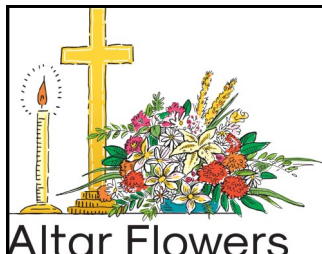
### **January 29**

Bruenger, Karen  
Bulk, Jeremy/Tisha

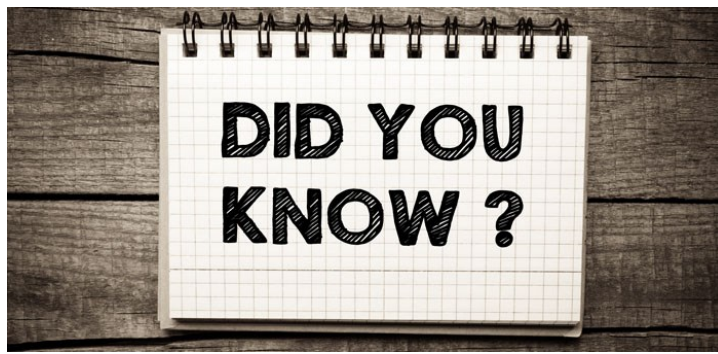
*We are asking you to include in your prayers 2 families each week from our membership list. We continue to pray for each individual for their birthday, baptismal birthday and anniversary on Sunday mornings.*



January 1– Pastor Jennings  
January 8– Janet Storck  
January 15– Leon Storck  
January 22– Open  
January 29– Open



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January 8– Open  
January 15– Open  
January 22– Open  
January 29– Open



**QUESTION: Can you explain Epiphany? Also, when was the Circumcision of our Lord?**

**ANSWER:** Epiphany is from a Greek word meaning to "reveal" or "make manifest." The season of Epiphany is our time to focus on the revelation of "who" Jesus is: both true God and man.

On the Festival of Epiphany, Jan. 6, we hear the reading of the visit of the wise men (Matt. 2:1-12). In that event, these foreigners bowed down in acknowledgment that this infant was indeed the Christ, the Son of God.

The Sunday after Epiphany we hear the story of the Baptism of Jesus (Matt. 3:13-17). Here, God the Father confirms this man standing in the water is His beloved Son. The following Sunday we hear the story of the changing of water into wine at Cana (John 2:1-11). Through this event, Jesus revealed his glory and his disciples put their faith in him.

According to Jewish law, all males were circumcised on the eighth day — one week after their birth. We don't know the actual birth date of Jesus so we don't know the day of His circumcision either.

But since we have set aside a date for observing His birth, Dec. 25, we then set aside Jan. 1 (eight days later) as the date for the naming and circumcision of Jesus (Luke 2:21). The significance of this day is that our Savior began His long ministry of submitting Himself to the Law in our place.

Also, this was the first shedding of His blood, and points, in a small way, to the ultimate shedding of His blood on the cross.

<http://www.lcms.org/faqs/worship#epiphany>

## Thoughts from three wise men

Those who deeply love never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young.

—Sir Arthur W. Pinero

Inside each of us there are two "warring" entities, the strong and the weak, the bold and the fearful, the large and the small. Each of us has a "big me" and a "little me" inside, and often the "little me" frustrates and paralyzes the "big me." When a person's inner image drops below a certain level, the result is pure misery.

—The Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

## Thoughts from three wise women

Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel as free to delight in whatever remains to them?

—Rose Kennedy

Always be joyful. That is the only truly saintly state.

—Teresa of Ávila

We plant seeds that will flower as results in our lives, so best to remove the weeds of anger, avarice, envy and doubt, that peace and abundance may manifest for all.

—Dorothy Day



# Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday Midweek Christian Education, for preschool to 8th grade begins at 6pm with an opening, followed by classroom instructions, and ends with a closing at 7:20pm.

It's not too late to join in!



Sunday School begins at 8:30AM. We offer classes for children pre-school to High School. We'd love to have you join us.

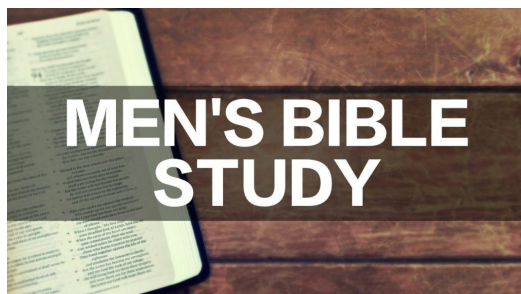


Sunday January 1, 2023



Wednesday January 4, 2023 at 7:30pm.

An Adult Bible Class  
The class is held in the Sanctuary.  
**Sundays at 8:30AM**



## Men's Bible Study:

The men's Bible study group meets on Thursdays at 5pm in the narthex. We are studying the book of Joshua. We'd love you to join us!

## THE PASTOR IS GONE!

Pastor Jennings will be gone January 3-8, 2023 to CA. He will then be attending a Pre-Lent Conference for the Kansas District of the LCMS in Wichita on Jan. 9-10, 2023.



**GOD'S RELENTLESS LOVE** – a Study of Hosea by Sharla Fritz will be the new class beginning on January 12th for the Ladies Bible Study. Class will begin at 5 pm and end promptly at 6 pm. All ladies of St. Peter are invited, as well as any ladies in the community. God's Relentless Love takes readers on an eight-week journey through the book of Hosea. Although the Old Testament book of Hosea can be confusing and complicated, inside we can find reassurances of God's redeeming and un-

failing love. The story of a godly prophet with a wayward wife reminds us that we don't have to be perfect or accomplished before we can come to God. He simply loves us because He is love.

Think about it for a second: The Lord and Creator of all things pursues you. He wants to know you. He loves you. God pursues an intimate relationship with you, just like Hosea pursued his wife Gomer.

# CHURCH REPORTS



## Education

The Sunday School and Midweek students and teachers are very thankful for everyone's support/ prayers and blessings during 2022. We are very blessed to have a congregation that supports us as we grow in our spiritual education and look forward to achieving our 2023 goals! THANK YOU

The Sunday School and Midweek students and teachers extend a VERY BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Children Christmas Eve Program/ provided the Christmas tree and lights. The children are very proud and honored to present the story of Jesus's birth to their parents/ grandparents/relatives and the congregation. A special thank you to Mrs. Sharon Daughtery, Mrs. Dodie Copley and Mrs. Lynn Lytle. Blessings to ALL.

Due to the holiday, the Christian Board Of Education committee will meet on January 8, 2023.

## 160th Anniversary

In 2023 St. Peter's will be celebrating 160 years of organization! The anniversary committee starting to plan for that celebration. We are asking if anyone has pictures or other items that we can borrow for making a slide show of the previous years of our church. If you have something that we can use please, contact Greta Baker, DeAnn Hauser or Mary Bulk. Thank you for your help!

## Altar Guild

Decoration take down will be Saturday, January 7 starting at 10 am. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are invited to attend.

The 2023 flower chart will soon be posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Floral arrangements celebrating a special occasion or milestone in the lives of our St. Peter's family are greatly appreciated during Sunday worship services. If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn Hauser.

## Elders

A meeting was held on Wednesday December 7, 2022.

## Stewardship

The 2023 offering envelopes have not arrived yet. The Stewardship Committee will distribute them as soon as they arrive.

## Cares and Concerns

The committee will be meeting Tuesday, January 24 at 10 am.

## Trustees

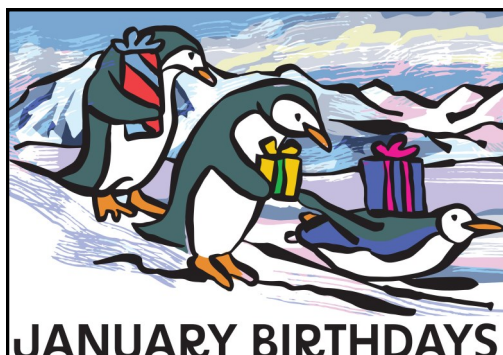
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4 Bailey Daniels  
 5 Joan Perez \*  
 10 Mona Hull  
 12 Frank Schomaker \*  
 13 Mary Hill-Wulf  
 12 Mary Jo McReynolds  
 18 Carson Mueller  
 19 Sharon Daugherty  
 21 Greta Baker  
 21 Keith Beeman \*  
 23 Linda Lumley  
 26 Ernie Davidson \*  
 29 LaDonna Krone  
 30 Bobby Brown



3 Anita Baker  
 16 Audrey Baker  
 19 Leon Storck  
 20 Alan Hauser  
 29 Jolene Keidel



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19 Jolene & Dale Keidel- 52 yrs

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