

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Built on the Rock of Jesus Christ



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January 2026

From the Pastor: *Philippians 1:3-7* ³ *I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,* ⁴ *always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,* ⁵ *because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.* ⁶ *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.* ⁷ *It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.*

St. Paul offers thanksgiving and prayer for the Philippians. Paul does this "with joy" because of the partnership in the Gospel that he has with the Philippians. This partnership in the Gospel allows Paul to boldly declare that God will bring to completion the good work He began in the Philippians at the day of Jesus Christ (the Last Day).

Paul writes this letter, while in jail, to Christians (or a congregation) with whom he had previously done mission work. Paul rejoices in these gifts of financial support from the Philippians but is even more thankful for their partnership in the Gospel.

Paul calls the Christians in Philippi partners even though they are in different locations and haven't seen each other in years. God has joined them together by grace. Paul makes the point that it is not location but the Gospel that brings them together and should encourage them to strive side-by-side for the faith of the Gospel.

The Gospel has made us all partners, especially with other LCMS Christians. In the LCMS, we really have one big partnership, which allows us to work together in various ways, including supporting mission work. Just as the Philippians partnered with Paul, we are partners in the Gospel with other LCMS congregations and members. Instead of seeing other congregations as competition or worrying about how working with another church might be cause us to compromise on things like time for worship or programs, we should really be asking how we can work together efficiently for the sake of the Gospel and considering the day of Jesus Christ. I thank you all for your consideration in this proposed new opportunity for us at St. Peter's.

I offer up this prayer for both our church in Humboldt and for Chanute:
Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 Pastor's Day off	3 10a– Tree Takedown
4 830a-SS/ABC 930a– Worship 11a-BoCE Mtg	5	6	7 Pastor at Chanute 6p– Midweek/ Youth Group 7p– Elders	8 9a– Mission of Love 5p– Men's/ Women's BS 730p– Ch. Council Mtg.	9 Pastor's Day off	10
11 830a-SS/ABC 930a– Worship	12	13 930a– Cares/ Concerns Mtg.	14 Pastor at Chanute 6p– Midweek/ Youth Group	15 9a– Mission of Love 5p– Men's/ Women's BS	16 Pastor's Day off	17
18 830a-SS/ABC 930a– Worship 11a-Voter's Mtg	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20 930a– Winkel (Coffeyville)	21 Pastor at Chanute 6p– Midweek/ Youth Group	22 9a– Mission of Love 5p– Men's/ Women's BS	23 Pastor's Day off	24
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Who's Preaching?



**January 4– Pastor Jennings
Elder– Ken Lumley**

**January 11– Pastor Jennings
Elder– Ken Lumley**

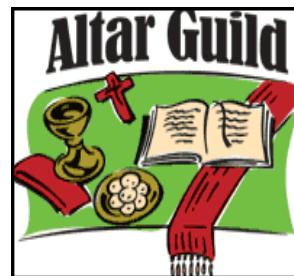
**January 18– Pastor Jennings
Elder– Ken Lumley**

**January 25– Pastor Jennings
Elder– Ken Lumley**



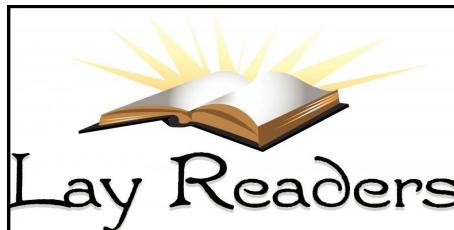
SHIP

The Christian church has long been symbolized by a ship. While the Old Testament tells of Noah's ark preserving righteous people during the flood, the New Testament recounts Jesus calming the storm that battered the disciples' fishing boat. St. Ambrose described the church as a ship with the cross as its mast, and others have compared salvation to being drawn out of the sea of death into the safety of the church (ship). Indeed, many large churches are constructed to represent a big boat, with the main worship space called the nave — Latin for ship.

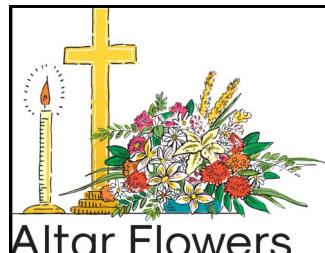


**Jennings
Family**

Divine Service Settings
January 4- DS3
January 11– Hymn Sing
January 18– DS3
January 25– DS3



January 4– Darrell Krone
January 11– Janet Storck
January 18– Bret Hauser
January 25– Leon Storck



January 4– Open
January 11– Open
January 18– Open
January 25– Open

Please keep the following families in your prayers:

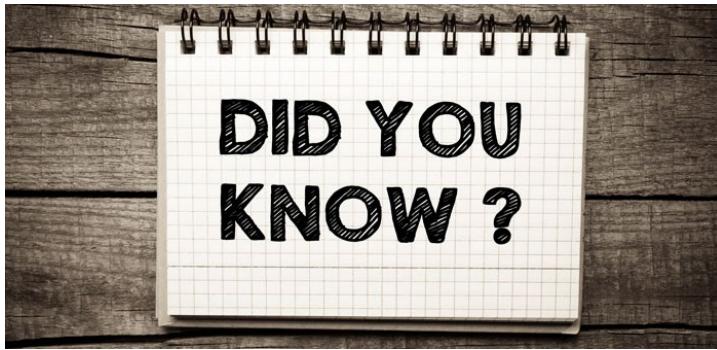
January 4
 Hull, Leland/Mona
 Huse, Chet/Carman

January 11
 Jackson, Mike/Angela
 Jennings, Joseph/Mandi

January 18
 Jennings, Pastor/Jennifer
 Jennings, Merry

January 25
 Jennings, Rebecca
 Kaufman, Judy

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.



QUESTION: Could you please tell me why a person should join a congregation? Couldn't they just go to the church, give a little here and there, and do the things a member does without joining? What benefits would I have by joining a church?

ANSWER: Joining a church says to the public you are a Christian and that you are a member of God's own people, who are called "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9).

It says you believe and act thus and thus as a witness to the Christian faith and as an example to others. It means you are doing what the very first Christians did in joining to devote themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer (Acts 2:42).

It means you will be able to receive the encouragement, strength, prayers, Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the application of God's Word from fellow Christians and a pastor, which you may not have the privilege of receiving as a non-member.

It will tell other Christians and the world you have considered it a serious matter to be able to join together with Christians to support the work of the church of calling a pastor, providing instruction in the Christian faith for the youth, adults, the older set, doing evangelism and mission work at home and abroad.

It would not only witness to other people who you are and what you are about, but it would show God what He wants of His groups of His chosen, His own people — that you are not just talking about and maybe doing half-heartedly but are involved whole-heartedly in doing what He expects.

Joining a congregation is a serious declaration you intend — with His help — to participate fully in doing the things of God. In most congregations, only members who have joined receive the Lord's Supper, have the privilege of voting, obtain recognition by the government for tax purposes, and have full use of the church and other amenities.

What would happen to God's church if everyone decided not to join with other Christians to BE His own people?

www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/worship-and-congregational-life#become-lcms-member



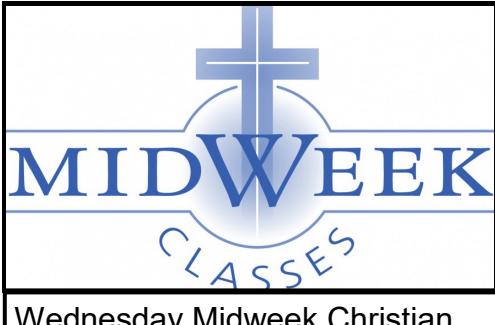
Three Kings Day

January 6 marks the day of Epiphany, the arrival of the three kings or wise men. The three kings were the Gentiles who "came from afar" to offer gifts to the Christ child. The meaning of the event is that Jesus came as Lord not only for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. Christ is the Savior of the world — the whole world.

Three Kings Day — or Dia de los Reyes in Spanish — is celebrated in many places around the world on January 6. Last year in Phoenix alone, more than 25,000 Latinos and others celebrated Three Kings Day. During the festivities, there are parades with camels bearing the "kings," toys are given to children, food is shared and folk dancers perform. Many women bake bread with a miniature plastic Jesus inside each loaf. The person who ends up with the figurine is obliged to host a party for others on February 2, Candlemas Day.



Mark Your Calendars **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 6:55pm.

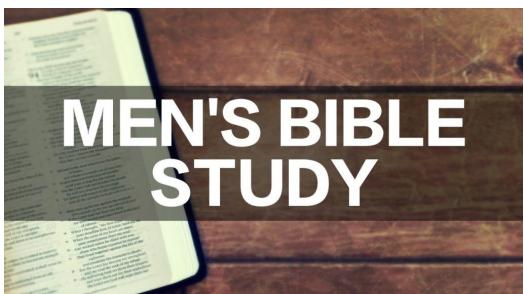
It's not too late to join in!



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



Wednesday January 7, 2026 at 7:00pm.



Men's Bible Study:

The men's Bible study group meets on Thursdays at 5pm in the narthex. It will resume on **January 8, 2026**. We are studying Old Testament. We'd love you to join us!



Sunday January 4, 2026

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

Women's Bible Study:
The women's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 5pm in the Sunday School room upstairs. It will resume on **January 8, 2026**.



Thursday January 8, 2026 at 7:30pm.



Special Dates for January 2026

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2026*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2026*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 11, 2026*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 19, 2026*

Sunday January 18, 2026 at 11am.

CHURCH REPORTS



Education

Sunday School begins at 8:30 AM for all students ages 3-High School. We encourage all families to make attending Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study and Church services a Top Priority every Sunday strengthen our Christian Knowledge and Beliefs. Visitors are always Welcome!

Midweek Christian Education School will resume from winter break, on Wednesday January 7, 2026. Midweek School begins at 6:00 PM, at the church, with a group chapel opening, followed by individual classroom instructions and concludes with a chapel group prayer at 7:00 PM.

The students mission project will continue up to the end of midweek school in May 2026. The students are depositing quarters in the: mission tube" each week, which is located in the narthex entry door to the sanctuary. The students invite the congregation to join in with them to collect as many quarters as they can. The students will make a decision as to where the money will be sent in May 2026.

The Christian Board of Education committee and all of the teachers/ helpers and substitutes for all of the dedicated work and planning that went into the 2025 Children Christmas Eve Program. The students were great foretelling the story of Jesus Birth THANK YOU! We also want to THANK MRS. CHARLENE BEAGLEY for composing the program and directing the students in rehearsals with their speaking parts and songs!!

The Sunday School Department will be needing a teacher beginning in January 2026. This will be a co-teacher position, using the Enduring Faith "one-room classroom curriculum". You and the existing teacher will teach every other month. Sunday School attendance is an average of 4 students per week.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help teach our students. If you have questions, please contact LaDonna Krone.

Cares and Concerns

Elders

Altar Guild

The decoration take down will be Saturday, January 3 starting at 10 am. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are invited to attend.

The 2026 flower chart is 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 appreciated for our Sunday worship services. If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn Hauser.

The communion sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please consider helping with this. If you haven't done this before or need a refresher, we have several individuals that can walk you through the process.

Merry Christmas,
DeAnn

Stewardship

The 2026 offering envelopes have arrived. They are on the table in the hallway across from the mailboxes. If you would like some, please let Carman or Alan know.

LWML

The new LWML officers for 2026 are:
President: Brenda Cash
Vice President: Mary Bulk
Secretary: Alisha Schomaker
Treasurer: Lynn Lytle
Thank you to those who served previously and we look forward to what 2026 has to bring!

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

December 14, 2025

To be approved at the January 18, 2026 meeting

President Joseph Jennings called the special meeting of the voters assembly of St. Peter's Lutheran Church to order at 10:55 a.m. on Sunday, December 14, 2025.

Joseph Jennings opened the meeting with a prayer.

The roll call was answered by 62 members.

President Joseph Jennings stated that the purpose of the special voters meeting was to discuss the draft agreement between St. Peter's in Humboldt and Zion in Chanute and voting on that agreement. The second item to be discussed is the make up of the dual parish committee from St. Peter's after January 1, 2026. Joseph Jennings asked if there were any questions or concerns with the agreement as it was printed at this time.

One of the questions discussed was if mileage would be paid to Pastor Jennings if the agreement were to pass. The answer to the question was that he would not receive mileage for travel between the 2 churches.

Concerns were raised concerning the service times of the 2 churches. Another question discussed was the vacation time Pastor would receive as covered article XI.

Discussion was held concerning the article XVIII. Dissolution of Dual Parish Agreement as printed if either church found that this was not working for one of the churches. President Joseph Jennings said that if a dissolution was determined to be necessary it would take 9 months to finalize the arrangement. A question was asked as to which congregation would retain Pastor Jennings. The answer was that each congregation would complete a call document to him and then the decision would be made by him.

It was asked for clarification of holiday and special services. There were concerns raised about the time of the services. If the agreement passed what would happen to the Sunday Bible study that Pastor leads every Sunday morning? Pastor told the voters through President Joseph Jennings that he could lead the study at 7:30 a.m. or at another time or day. He is willing to lead the Bible study at any time.

The time of the service was discussed and it was asked if the St. Peter's service could be moved to 9 a.m. instead of the 8:30 a.m. as printed in the Addendum #1: Worship Location and Time? It was stated that this arrangement could be changed if necessary.

A discussion was held concerning if anytime in the process if the vote was no to the agreement, will the committees meet again to form another agreement? The answer from the committee was yes.

John Lassman made a motion that St. Peter's Lutheran Church approve and adopt the proposed Dual Parish Agreement between St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Humboldt and Zion Lutheran Church, Chanute, establishing a shared pastoral ministry and cooperating in the work of the Church as outlined in the agreement. Carman Huse seconded the motion. Ballots were passed out for the vote.

After the committee counted the votes of the 62 voters attending the meeting there were 32 votes in favor of the agreement and 30 votes against.

It was determined that the dual parish committee meet again to discuss the agreement and the next time it would be presented is at the January 18, 2026 voters meeting.

The next item discussed was the members of the dual parish committee as it would be after January 1, 2026. Carman Huse made a motion that going forward that 1 of the committee member be a female. Tim Frevert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting closed at 12:00 p.m. by standing and saying The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Mary Bulk, Voters' secretary

2026 St. Peter's Lutheran Church Congregational Officers

PRESIDENT	LEON STORCK	
V.P.	LYNN LYITLE	
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TREASURER	ALAN HAUSER	
ASST. TREASURER	JOHN LASSMAN	
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KEN LUMLEY	LWML	LINDA CAVINS
TIM BAKER	PRES- BRENDA CASH	
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JOHN LASSMAN	DARRELL KRONE	
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	MILADA KLIMES	

Elder List 2026

Ken Lumley (Adams-Capocasa)

Henry Eggers (Cartwright-Galloway)

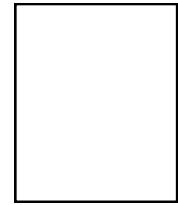
Tim Baker (Hauser- Krone)

Lauren Baeten (Kubler- Mueller)

Darrell Krone (Munro-Wulf)

Please feel free to contact your elder if you need anything. If you cannot contact your own elder, feel free to contact any of the other ones or Pastor Jennings.

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4th Bailey Daniels
5th Joan Perez*
10th Mona Hull
11th Tina Lott
12th Tim Frevert
12th Frank Schomaker*
13th Mary Jo McReynolds*
19th Sharon Daugherty
21st Greta Baker
21st Keith Beeman*
23rd Linda Lumley
28th Brinley Gean
29th LaDonna Krone
30th Bobby Brown*



2nd Jennifer Jennings
16th Audrey Galloway
19th Leon Storck
20th Alan Hauser
29th Jolene Keidel
31st John Lassman



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19th Jolene & Dale Keidel - 54 Yrs

*We are sorry if we forgot
or made an error on your
special day. Please let
Pastor or Carman know,
so we can make the
correction.*

January 2026						
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