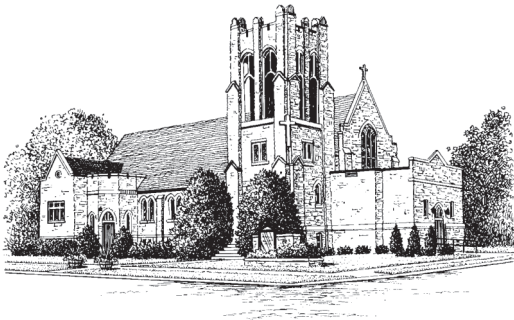




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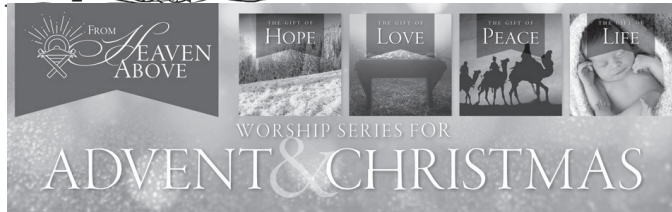
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ST. PETER'S NET

DECEMBER 2016



As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation approaches, let Martin Luther's beloved hymn "From Heaven Above" speak to you in our special Advent worship series. This hymn of Luther's was originally intended as a children's service for Christmas, come and hear as the story is told in song.

Join us Wednesdays of Advent: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14, as we join in fellowship over supper at 5pm and a brief service at 6pm.

Each midweek week we unwrap God's gifts: The Gift of Hope, The Gift of Love, The Gift of Peace, and on Christmas Day the Gift of Life. As we rejoice in God who comes from heaven above to earth in flesh in the person of Jesus let us take every opportunity to share in God's gifts. Let us also be sure to do what gifts are intended for, to give and share, and invite others to learn of God's greatest gift of a Savior.

Sunday December 11th:
9:30am PreK-2nd grade Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th: 8am & 10:30am
A Service of Lessons and Carols
(Choir and other guest music)

Saturday, December 24th: Christmas Eve
6:30pm: Carol Service, Program From Heaven Above
10pm: Candlelight Divine Service, The Gift of Joy
(with Choir and Bells)

Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day
9am: Festival Divine Service, The Gift of Life

Saturday, December 31st: The Name of Jesus
6:30pm: New Year's Eve, Divine Service

Sunday, January 1st: 1st Sunday of Christmas
9am: Divine Service



Paster Amen

Music Ministry



SPECIAL EVENTS UPCOMING!

SUNDAY, December 18, morning services: Lessons and Carols

FRIDAY, January 20: Organ Concert, *Cantor* Jeremy Zieroth, *Recitalist*.

SUNDAY, March 26, morning services: Bach Cantata BWV 1, *How Beauteous Shines the Morning Star*

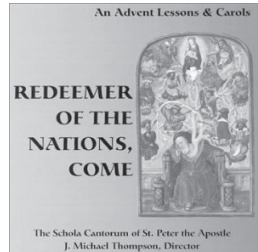
“Savior of the Nations, Come” (Lutheran Service Book, #332)

Awaiting a royal birth has become almost commonplace in our time. From the first hint of that “baby-bump” to the happy birth announcement, columnists and paparazzi clue us in to the progress of the pregnancy and the family heritage and history. Then, ultimately, there is the retrospective remembrance yet to come.

Ambrose, reluctant bishop of Milan some 50 years after the Council of Nicaea, was known for his high regard for the liturgy and for introducing hymns and antiphonal chants in which the congregation could participate. Perhaps his greatest challenge were prominent members who continued to hold to heterodox Arian views that said that the relationship of Jesus to the Father was less than equal. It is in this context that we have the hymn “Veniredemptorgentium” (“Come, Redeemer of the Nations”).

We then see Martin Luther, 1100+ years later. In the 5th year after posting his 95 Theses also valued the liturgy and the singing of the people and the power of hymns in their “heart-language” to embed orthodoxy in the lives of the people. Imagine him at table, after the evening meal, with his companions (he had yet to marry) picking tunes on his lute and talking about Ambrose’s hymn and how it might sound in German. After a bit, he then adds how it sings about Jesus’ person (stanzas 1-3) “truly God, begotten of the Father from eternity and truly human, born of the Virgin Mary” and purpose (4-6) “who has redeemed me ... with His holy and precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death” and presence (7) “that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom” and praise (8) “this is most certainly true.”

J. S. Bach loved this hymn enough to set it in chorale preludes (BWV 599, 659, 660, 661, 699) and two cantatas for the First Sunday in Advent (BWV 61, 62). The first cantata includes this prayer for the church in a central Aria: Come, Jesus, come to this your church / And grant a blessed New Year! / Promote the honor of Your name, / Uphold the wholesome teaching / And bless the pulpit and the altar! The next movement then comes from Revelation 3:20, “Behold I stand at the door and knock”.



To this day, countless church musicians and composers enrich our hearing as they elaborate on this text and tune. If you listen carefully, you will even hear it in the movies (Brian Easdales’s score for *The Red Shoes*, for example)

That our New Birth in Christ never become commonplace, do join in celebrating Jesus’ Person, Purpose, Presence and Praise with this glad song.

Savior of the nations, come,/ Virgin’s Son, make here your home!/
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,/ That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood,/ By the Spirit of our God,/ Was the Word of God made flesh—/
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child,/ Yet remained a virgin mild./
In her womb this truth was shown:/ God was there upon his throne.

Then stepped forth the Lord of all/ From his pure and kingly hall;/
God of God, yet fully man,/ His heroic course began.

God the Father was his source,/ Back to God he ran his course./
Into hell his road went down,/ Back then to his throne and crown.

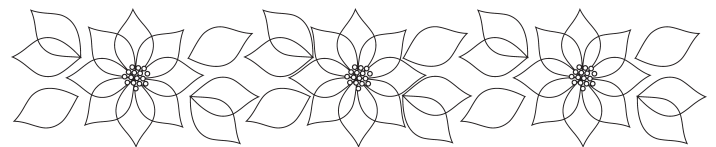
For you are the Father’s Son/ Who in flesh the vict’ry won./
By your mighty pow’r make whole/ All our ills of flesh and soul.

From the manger newborn light/ Shines in glory through the night./
Darkness there no more resides;/ In this light faith now abides.

Glory to the Father sing,/ Glory to the Son, our king,/ Glory to the Spirit be/
Now and through eternity.

Text: Attributed to Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; translated into German by Martin Luther. English translations by William Reynolds, Samuel Janzow, and Gifford Grobien.

In His service,
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth



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Becky Amen



CHRISTMAS

Members in ACTION




CHRISTMAS



Making a Thanksgiving banner during Midweek classes.



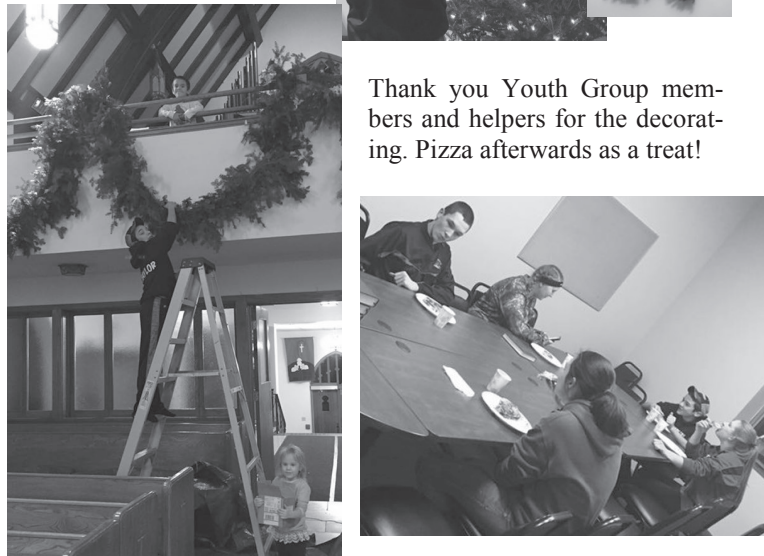
The decorating process for the sanctuary. A festive undertaking indeed!

 *'Tis the Season*
 Dr. John Behnke, Organist and Composer
 Emeritus Professor of Music, Concordia University Wisconsin

Music making at St. Peter's. Dr. John Behnke was the featured recitalist the first weekend in November. A screen set up front allowed the 44 audience members to see Dr. Behnke play our beautiful organ. A reception and fellowship was held afterwards.



Thank you Youth Group members and helpers for the decorating. Pizza afterwards as a treat!



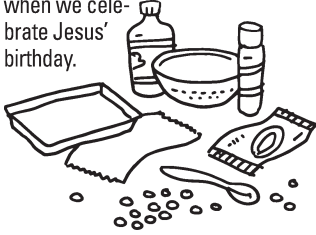
A Sneak Peak to Advent & Christmas
 Join us Wednesdays for a light meal at 5pm
 and service at 6pm.
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12/1 George Plenty
 12/2 Terry Grinde
 12/2 Sandy Pasko
 12/2 Robert Stoltenberg
 12/3 David Tomlinson
 12/7 Vicki Stewart
 12/11 Cynthia Thurston
 12/12 Linda Manthey
 12/14 Polly Woodward
 12/24 Bill Steffenhagen


 DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.



What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

What you do:

1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.

STAINED-GLASS STAR COOKIES

These star cookies will remind you of the star that led the Magi, or wise men, to our Lord Jesus. Enjoy these treats for yourself or give them as gifts.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Plastic wrap
- Hard candy such as Life Savers in assorted colors
- Zippered baggies
- Rolling pin
- 2 star cookie cutters, one much smaller than the other
- Aluminum foil

What you do:

1. Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together.
2. Cream the sugar and butter. Add the eggs and vanilla.
3. Add the flour mixture and beat until well blended.
4. Divide the dough into four equal pieces. Wrap each piece in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 30 minutes.
5. Separate candies by color and place each color in a sealed, zippered baggie. With a rolling pin, crush candy into small pieces (not a fine powder).
6. One at a time, roll out each chilled dough piece on a well-floured surface.
7. Use the large cookie cutter to make stars, and then place them on a foil-lined cookie sheet. Then press the small star cookie cutter into each large star and remove the small piece of star-shaped dough.
8. Place some crushed candy in each star-shaped hole.
9. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. (The candy will melt and be translucent when cooled, like a stained-glass window.)

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS, Pre-K and NAEYC Accredited

5 stars with Wisconsin's Young Star

4-K Host Site for Poynette School District



Our St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool has been celebrating holidays. Above is Halloween crafts with the 4K. Below are the preschoolers in awesome Halloween costumes.



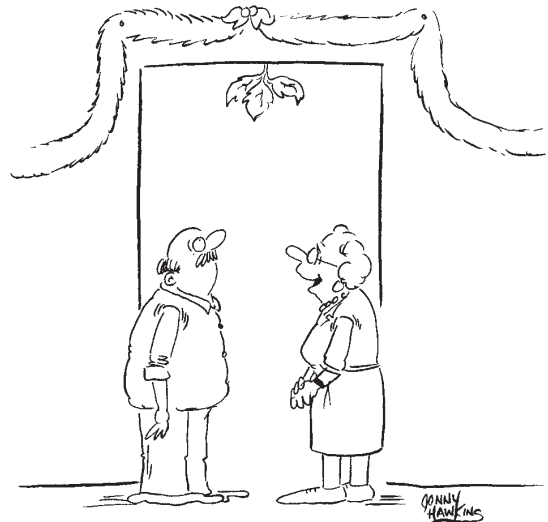
The Thanksgiving Turkeys!



The next 50% off sale will be Friday, December 30th and Saturday, December 31st. Everything but new items will be on sale.

The store is located at 201 Cottage Grove Road (just off Monona Drive). The construction work is finally over! The hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. The phone number is 223-1228. Donations are welcome when the store is open.

Members of St. Peter's work on the first Friday (December 2nd) and the third Wednesday (December 21st) of each month. Please call Elaine Podoll if you have any questions or would like to become part of the *House of Thrift* team. **Thank you!**



"No, it's actually poison ivy. That's why I'm itching to kiss you."

DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

<p>November 30 1st Midweek in Advent</p>	<p>Sermon: The Gift of Hope Text: Order: Printed Advent Hymns: 358 - 347 - 338 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p>December 1/4 2nd Sunday in Advent</p> <p>Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12</p>	<p>Guest Pastor: Rev. Fred Zimmerman Sermon: Repent, for the Kingdom of God Is at Hand! Text: Matthew 3:1-12 Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 345 - 344 - 347, 342 - 349 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Upper Sunday School (8am)</p>
<p>December 7 2nd Midweek in Advent</p>	<p>Sermon: The Gift of Love Text: Order: Printed Advent Hymns: 358 - 356 - 348 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p>December 8/11 3rd Sunday in Advent</p> <p>Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146 James 5:7-11 Matthew 11:2-15</p>	<p>Sermon: The Way of Holiness Text: Isaiah 35:1-10 Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 333 - 338 - 334, 515 - 352 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: TBA</p> <hr/> <p>Other: Lower Sunday School Christmas Program, 9:30am</p>
<p>December 14 3rd Midweek in Advent</p>	<p>Sermon: The Gift of Peace Text: Order: Printed Advent Hymns: 358 - 331 - 337 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p>December 15/18 4th Sunday in Advent</p> <p>Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19; Genesis 22:15-18; Isaiah 7:10-17; Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9; Psalm 24; Luke 1:26-35, 38; Matthew 1:18-25</p>	<p>Sermon: Your First Christmas Week Gift Text: All Order: Lessons and Carols with Communion Hymns: 376 - 357, 359, 341, 356 - 379 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Adult Choir, Handbells, Instruments</p>
<p>December 24 Sunday School Christmas Program, 6:30pm</p>	<p>Sermon: From Heaven Above Order: Printed Hymns: 358, 377, 361, 364, 392, 388 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Upper Sunday School</p>
<p>December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight, 10:00pm</p> <p>Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20</p>	<p>Sermon: Loves Pure Light Text: Luke 2:1-20 Order: Printed Hymns: 366, 363, 373, 361, 386 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Adult Choir, Handbells</p>
<p>December 25 Christmas Day, 9:00am</p> <p>Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 2 Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-18</p>	<p>Sermon: The Gift of Life Text: John 1:1-18 Order: Printed Hymns: 379, 358, 368, 384, 380, 367, 387 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: TBA</p>
<p>December 31 New Year's Eve/ Circumcision and Name of Jesus</p> <p>Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 2:21</p>	<p>Sermon: 8 Days Old, Jesus Sheds Blood Text: Luke 2:21 Order: DSIII, p. 183 Hymns: 374 - 624 - 375, 393 - 381 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: TBA</p>

COUNCIL NOTES – NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The November 8, 2016, meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President William Steffenhagen.

Members present: Pastor Amen, Thomas Crum, Linda Fait, William Hageman, Lisa Hagenow, Phillip Kruger, Steven Paskey, Keith Podoll, Charlotte Reddeman, Daniel Schmidt, Jennifer See, William Steffenhagen, Lynnette Taylor, and Corinne Tuschl, Jeremy Zieroth.

Members excused: Dale Johnson and William Manthey

Members absent: Kristine Daugherty, Tom Daugherty, Cameron Gramse, Michael Make, Tyson Miller, and Vint Quamme.

Opening Devotion, by Pastor Amen: Pastor had a hand-out, *Confirmation and First Communion in the Lutheran Church*, which was reviewed and discussed. In the earliest churches, baptism and confirmation were together and included infants until about age 6. In the Middle Ages confirmation was not tied to communion and was used to solicit money. Its purpose at that time was to confirm baptism. The instruction needed prior to first communion is included in *Luther's Small Catechism* and includes the 10 Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and Apostles Creed. This small catechism was written by Martin Luther for someone six years old. What is required is the communicant's faith in the words "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." The current practice of tying the two together began in the 1910's when Lutheran schools were established. Confirmation and first communion has been studied at convention multiple times since the 1990's and there are currently varied practices throughout the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Agenda: The agenda was presented. One amendment was suggested under new business, to talk about the motion for changes to a prior motion at the recent Quarterly Voters Meeting. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by Keith Podoll and seconded by Steven Paskey. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report, by Linda Fait: The Secretary's minutes were read. A motion was made by Corinne Tuschl and seconded by Daniel Schmidt to accept the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report, by Lisa Hagenow: The Financial Secretary's written report was reviewed. Compared to last year, we are close in numbers. Contributions are a little lower for Special Purpose Funds. Recently there was an anonymous donation made; there is no way to know who it was to send a thank-you. A motion was made by Charlotte Reddeman and seconded by Keith Podoll to accept the report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, by Jennifer See: The written report was reviewed. The current amount available for expenses is under \$6,000.00. Expenses right now are \$12,000.00 over contributions. A motion was made by Steven Paskey and seconded by Thomas Crum to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Board of Elder's Report, by Thomas Crum: We are still short two elders. People are helping out and that is appreciated. Pastor noted that the processes for Altar Guild have been simplified. There are two new openings on Altar Guild that need filling. William Hageman reported that a committee has been established to review the Endowment Fund. Cards are being sent out to the military personnel. The Christian Women's Council will be meeting on the 19th to make the pies for the pie sale. Cantor Jeremy Zieroth thanks those who came to the recital on Friday. December 18 at the 8:00 and 10:30 services we will have lessons in carols, with all of the musical groups. The third Friday

in January (the 20th) will be a recital by Jeremy. March 26 at the 8:00 and 10:30 services there will be a Bach cantata. This is Annunciation Sunday. We still need some people to help with the hand bells and there is room for more choir members as well. There is a need for funds for outside musicians for the cantata. Something will be put in the newsletter so members are aware they can contribute to this. A motion was made by Charlotte Reddeman and seconded by Phillip Krueger to accept the report. Motion carried.

Board of Trustee's Report: The highway signs are completed and we will get them next week. There are three signs and the cost was \$1287. Half of this will be funded by the Methodist church. The other half will come from the building fund. We are putting the signs up ourselves so there will be no fee for that. The new main entrance door has been ordered. This will be funded half by the building fund and half by the Pre-K fund. The total is about \$3500.00. \$2719 is the material and \$800 is the labor. A snow removal contract has been signed. It will cost \$145 per trip. He will come when there is 2" or more of snow or when we request it. The Christmas trees were donated from Millers last year. They will cut trees again for us this year. A motion was made by William Hageman and seconded by Corinne Tuschl to accept the report. Motion carried.

Board of Christian Education Report, by Charlotte Reddeman: All is going good with Bible studies, Midweek classes, and Sunday School. The 7th and 8th grade Midweek students will be doing road cleaning tomorrow. The High School Youth will be decorating the Christmas trees on November 27. A motion was made by Daniel Schmidt and seconded by Keith Podoll to accept the Board of Christian Education report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report, by Pastor Amen: The fifth Sunday brunch with Pastor and the High School Youth was held again. He noted that Thanksgiving and Advent are coming up, making this a busy season. Advent meals will again be served this year.

Membership changes: None

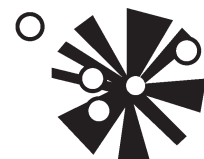
Old Business: The Nominating and Budget Committees have not met yet. The Budget Committee wants an Elder to be part of the discussion. The employee evaluations need to be completed as these are taken into consideration by the Budget Committee. Also, anticipated upcoming expenses are needed.

New Business: Suggestions were made regarding a process for motions at future meetings when the motion regards something previously approved. It was clarified that 50% plus one of the original voters is required to rescind a previously approved motion. However, something can be amended, such as requiring 75% funding versus 60% funding before moving forward.

A motion was made at 7:40 p.m. by Daniel Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer See and carried. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.



Respectfully submitted by
Linda Fait, *Secretary*.





**FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



Balance on Oct 31, 2016.....	\$11,177.41
Receipts for Nov (est.).....	\$13,990.80
Expenses for Nov (est.).....	(\$15,413.04)
Shortage/Overage.....	\$ 9,755.17

December 2016

Elders

Dec 1	6:30 p.m.	Vint Quamme
Dec 4	8:00 a.m.	Bill Hageman & Mike Manke
	10:30 a.m.	Bill Manthey
Dec 8	6:30 p.m.	Vint Quamme
Dec 11	8:00 a.m.	Phil Kruger & Dale Johnson
	9:30 a.m.	Tom Crum
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum
Dec 15	6:30 p.m.	Vint Quamme
Dec 18	8:00 a.m.	Phil Kruger
	10:30 a.m.	Bill Hageman
Dec 24	6:30 p.m.	Dale Johnson
	10:00 p.m.	Bill Manthey & Mike Manke
Dec 25	9:00 a.m.	_____
Dec 31	6:30 p.m.	_____
Jan 1	9:00 a.m.	_____

The greatest gift

Gift-giving is a fun Christmas tradition.
What very special gift has God given to you?

Directions: Write the words from each puzzle piece on the matching blank piece of the gift-shaped puzzle.

life in

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our Lord.

Romans 6:23, NIV

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Answer: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23, NIV

DECEMBER USHERS

Dec 4 & 11

<i>Early</i>	<i>Late</i>
Keith Podoll, <i>Chr.</i> (635-8012)	<i>Chr.</i> ()
Larry Saager	Roger Frank
Bill & Justin Hageman	Steve Paskey
Greg & Patrick Frank	Brad Zimmermann &
Alex Saager	Hunter & Tanner & Jakob
Kim & Brock Kriewaldt	

Dec 18 & 25

<i>Chr.</i> ()	<i>Chr.</i> ()
Wayne Hanson	Jim Paske
David Hutchinson	Terry Grinde
Steve & Matt Hustad	Shayne Brasda
Calvin Moll	
Nate & Austin Moll	
Cameron Gramse	

Deaconess Intern

As many of you know, Deaconess Intern Elle Konetzki is undergoing some serious health concerns at this time. We are thankful for her continued prayers and support as receives the care she needs. We will make every effort to keep you updated. May the Lord who comes to us this Christmas season in flesh and blood to win life for our bodies and souls be with Deaconess Elle and her family. If you would like to contact Deaconess Elle during this time, please contact the church office for her information.



Acolytes

Dec 4 8:00	Austin Kruger
	10:30 Emma Osterloth
Dec 11 8:00	Hayden Taylor
	10:30 Sarah Hagenow
Dec 18 8:00	Brandon Bindl
	10:30 Codi Woodward & Hunter Wells
Dec 24 6:30 pm	Lucas Campbell
Dec 24 10:00pm	Volunteers
Dec 25 9:00 am	Megan Reddeman
Dec 31 6:30 pm	Carter Fait

