

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Dec. 3	7:45	Guy & Sue Repp
	10:30	Nancy Kowalkowski
Dec. 10	7:45	Laurel Woschnick Jill Reynolds
	10:30	Jim & Marcia Pflum
Dec. 17	7:45	Joan Voss
	10:30	Sue Kollmann
Dec. 24	7:45	Deb Jaeger
	10:30	Diana Kent
Dec. 31	7:45	Gordon & Justine Port
	10:30	Allan & Sue Cederholm



Dec. 6	Christ Child Concert @ St. Peter's	6:30pm
Dec. 8 & 9	Joyful Witness @ St. Paul's, NFDL	7:00 & 3:00pm
Dec. 13	Festival of Favorite Hymns @ Good Shepherd	6:30pm
Dec. 17	Sunday School Christmas Service	10:30am
	SPLS Christmas Services	4:30 & 6:30pm
Dec. 21	WLA Christmas Concert	7:00pm
Dec. 22	WLA Christmas Concert	1:00pm
Dec. 24	4th Sunday of Advent Worship	7:45 & 10:30am
	Christmas Eve Services	3:30 & 6:30pm
Dec. 25	Christmas Festival Service	9:00am
Dec. 28	New Year's Eve Worship	6:30pm
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Services	7:45 & 10:30am

Cleaning Schedule

<u>Week of:</u>	
Dec. 3	Lynn Vermeulen
Dec. 10	Bob & Rosie Klatt
Dec. 17	Gregg & Carol Leisten
Dec. 24	Bob & Cindy Buchholz
Dec. 31	Eric and Bill Freiberg



Please call Gregg at
923 - 1583
to become a member of
the "cleaning team".


DEC. 1 - 15
DEC. 16 - 31


Teresa Samuel

Else Cuppan

Barb Krug

Deb Deere

Karen Krug

For details on flower donations,
look for our flower chart
on the bulletin board at the end of the
member mailboxes.



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The Gleaners' Farewell Gift for Advent

After ninety-eight years of faithful service to the Lord Jesus and his St. Peter's congregation, the Gleaners have decided that 2017 will be their last year of existence. We thank them for the many different ways that they have served their brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the decades.

As one last parting gift of love to the congregation, the Gleaners have purchased a new Advent wreath. It was designed and crafted by our brother in the faith, Warren Demmon.

The Advent wreath beautifies our worship through symbols. Advent means "coming." During Advent we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's first coming to the earth as a lowly Babe in Bethlehem. We also prepare our hearts for Christ's Second Advent on the Last Day.

The Advent wreath is a circle—a symbol of eternity—reminding us our God is eternal and he grants us eternal life in Christ. The flames of the candles remind us Jesus is the Light of the World, the Savior of all mankind. Three candles are blue—reminding us of the royal majesty of Jesus Christ, our King of kings and Lord of lords—also reminding us to lift up our eyes to the blue skies because Jesus will come again on the clouds of heaven. The Christ candle is white, reminding us of the purity of the Christ-child. It has a Chi-Rho affixed to it—the first two letters of Christ in Greek.

The first candle is the blue Prophecy Candle. Through the Old Testament prophets the Lord calls upon us to *watch* for the coming of the

Christ—both his first coming in Bethlehem, and his second coming on the Last Day. The second candle is the blue Bethlehem Candle. Just as God prepared the world's stage for the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, we are to *prepare* our hearts for the coming of our Advent King. The third candle is the Angel candle. It is pink, the color of joy. Along with the angels on Christmas Eve, we *re-joice*, saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." The fourth candle is the blue Shepherd candle. In spirit we journey in haste along with the shepherds to *behold* our newborn King.

This King is a Servant-King who would battle our enemy Satan and defeat him through his perfect life and victorious death on the cross. He rose from the dead, shattering the power of the grave, and ascended into heaven. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. On that day he will raise all the dead, and give eternal life to all who believe in him as their Savior.

Once again, we are grateful for the nearly century-long service the Gleaners have given to our Lord and to his Church. We will be reminded of their kind labors each year as we are reminded of Christ's service to us through the beautiful new Advent wreath.



Christ Child Concert

You are cordially invited to this year's Christ Child Concert on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30pm. This is the fourth year of combining the choirs and children from both St. Peter's and Good Shepherd congregations.

You will hear the joint adult choirs of both congregations, three handbell choirs, SPLS's junior choir (Inspiration), approximately 40 three-year-old and four-year-old preschoolers from Jesus' Little Lambs, and St. Peter's church band (Colossians 3:16). The congregation will also be given opportunity to sing Christmas carols too.



Christmas carols and readings reflecting on the birth of our Savior will fill your hearts with peace and joy as you yourselves prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. The songs sung and rung will remind us of the true importance of this time of year. The adult and children's choirs have been working hard to present three mass numbers that we hope you will enjoy. Please invite someone along with you as you join us!



Joyful Witness Concert

Friday ~ December 8 ~ 7:00pm

Saturday ~ December 9 ~ 3:00pm

A choir made up of singers from Fond du Lac and surrounding area WELS congregations, will hold two concerts this year at St. Paul's, NFDL. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear the message of Christ in a variety of Christmas music.

Festival of Favorite Hymns



Wednesday ~ December 13 ~ 6:30pm

Good Shepherd will be hosting a Christmas Concert featuring special music from their choir, Steve Olson, Tracy Rupp, and others.

Come early and enjoy a supper served from 5:15—6:15pm in their Fellowship Hall.

St. Peter's Children's Christmas Service

A "SOLA" CHRISTMAS is the title of this year's children's Christmas service. As we end the year-long celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the children will focus on the five solas of the Reformation: Scripture Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Christ Alone, and To God Alone Be the Glory.

You will hear the traditional Christmas recitations from the book of Luke taken from the EHV translation of the Bible. The EHV (Evangelical Heritage Version) is one of the newest translations of the Bible. WELS and ELS pastors and professors have faithfully translated the gospel promises of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. The children are excited to recite the expressions, imagery, and style of the original Luke chapter 2 account of the birth of Christ from this new translation.

This year we have split the students into two groups and will be presenting the service twice to help ease the overcrowding difficulties of the past several years. Please join us on Sunday evening, December 17 at either the 4:30 or 6:30 service.



2018 MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE

Have you seen the news lately? It's crazy out there. The world attacks our Christian values from every direction on a daily basis. To counter these attacks, the MOHW Conference provides opportunities and resources for men to grow spiritually, using God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities and the world. This year's theme is "GET OUT OF THE BOAT."



Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (*Pastor Jared Oldenburg from Eternal Rock in Castle Rock, Colorado*), the relevant, thought-provoking breakout sessions (*19 to choose from*), or the worship experience with 600 other men (with *Koine', the worship band*), God's Word will speak to you.

The 9th annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Additional details and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org for the first 650 men (\$50 by February 11, \$60 from February 12th - 18th). Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word that you will not soon forget!

Membership Matters

Children's Confirmations

Sarah LaRonge Lydia Meyer

Baptism

Autumn Drehmel

Adult Confirmation

Jeffrey Schultz

Marriage

Death without a Funeral

Luella Wiese

Molly Schnorr
and Joe Roznik

Transfers In

Kayla Schultz from St. John's, Oak Creek

Jake and Christine Nellessen
from St. Paul's, Brownsville

Angela Dreher from St. John's, Lomira

Transfers Out

Brian, Alysa, and Ada* Balfour to St. Luke's, Oakfield

McKenzie Hicks to St. Andrew's, Middleton

Removed (Unable to Serve)

Megan and Charlotte* Willis

Dillon Jerdee

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST

Sisters in Christ, the Pathways to Christ Retreat will be **March 9-11** at LaSure's Hall in Oshkosh.

The 2018 theme is "Speak O Lord".

Additional information, along with registration forms, can be downloaded from <http://pathwaystochrist.org> or found in the church and school office.

Register early before January 8.

Christmas Invitations!



Join Us for
the Holidays!

The Board of Outreach will have beautiful Christmas postcards available for members to use this Christmas season. These invitations will have our full Christmas season schedule. You can pick them up in the church entryway. May we all use this opportunity to invite our family and friends to share in the joy of our Savior's birth!

Nursing Points of Interest



12 Ways to Have a Healthy Holiday Season

*Have a Blessed & Happy Christmas Season from your
St. Peter's Parish Nurses!*

Brighten the holidays by making your health and safety a priority. Take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy the holidays.

- ♦ **Wash hands often to help prevent the spread of germs.** It's flu season. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.
- ♦ **Bundle up to stay dry and warm.** Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots.
- ♦ **Manage stress.** Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed, and out of control. Some of the best ways to manage stress are to find support, connect socially, and get plenty of sleep.
- ♦ **Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.** Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger. Choose not to drink and drive and help others do the same.
- ♦ **Be smoke-free.** Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. Smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but nonsmokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke.
- ♦ **Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle.** Always buckle your children in the car using a child safety seat according to their height, weight, and age. Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip and encourage passengers to do the same.
- ♦ **Get exams and screenings.** Ask your health care provider what exams you need and update your personal and family history. Get insurance from the Health Insurance Marketplace if you are not insured.
- ♦ **Get your vaccinations.** Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year.
- ♦ **Monitor children.** Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children's reach. Protect them from drowning, burns, falls, and other potential accidents.
- ♦ **Practice fire safety.** Most fires occur during the winter months, so don't leave fireplaces, space heaters, stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.
- ♦ **Prepare food safely.** Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate foods promptly.
- ♦ **Eat healthy, stay active.** Eat fruits and vegetables which pack nutrients and help lower the risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least 2½ hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.



Information for above article obtained from [CDC Office of Women's Health](#)