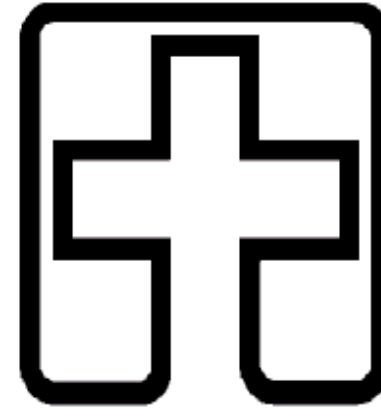


Those for Whom We Pray

Virginia Mock	Kalfas Family	Sarah Pruszynski
Terry Fyock	Tommy Osman	Ed Figura
Colleen Figura	Maddie Letsche	Eva Miller
Rick Vogelsberger	Tom Eschmann	Tom Shaffer
Linda Greathouse	Betty Hoagland	Jaden Brown
Gloria Geisel	Carol Greathouse	Bro Greathouse
Peg Henry	Sherrri Nicodemus	Bobby Mellott
Gloria Carter	MarianneWindows	John Will Family
Christy Buchanan	Chris Zeigler	Carol Cessna
Roger Beutman	June Schwirian	Mary Brady
Sally Ross	Carrie College	Walter Mellott
Jeff Whisel	Ulrich Family	John Hillegas
Marie Coghlan	Chris Mindala	Mark Yoder
Debbie Winesickle	Sue Weyant	



Serving in the Military:

Nathan Custer	Jeremy Boyce	Jason Browne
Lela Browne	David Custer	Kristin Custer
Scott R. Barefoot	Sean Danowski	Eric Mannion
Steve B. Domonkos Jr.	Steven Faul	Troy Hershberger
Dustin Bingham	Kevin Dively	Jacoby Brady
Tina Masters	Christopher Faul	Michael Tenley II

If you have any changes for the prayer list, please call the office.
Thank you.

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St. Peter's
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WELCOME VISITORS!

We're glad to have you worship with us today.

December 8, 2013

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Gathering

Prelude

+**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:**
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+**Opening Hymn:**
#36 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

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+**Kyrie:** page 57

+**Salutation:** page 62

+**Prayer of the Day:**

P Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the
LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the
earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the
wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the
adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy
mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of
the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal
to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lighting of Advent Candle: #34 stanza 2

Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God,*

**and your righteousness to the king's
son;**

²that he may rule your people righteously*

and the poor with justice;

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the
people,*

and the little hills bring righteousness.

⁴He shall defend the needy among the people;*

**he shall rescue the poor and crush the
oppressor.**

⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,*

from one generation to another.

⁶He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,*

like showers that water the earth.

⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish;*

**there shall be abundance of peace till
the moon shall be no more.**

¹⁸Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,*

who alone does wondrous deeds!

¹⁹And blessed be his glorious name forever,*

**and may all the earth be filled with his
glory. Amen. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the
Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

¹⁰and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

¹²and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

+Verse: page 62

+Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.' "

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize

you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

#499 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

+Apostles' Creed: page 65

+Prayers:

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

A Prepare the church for your coming, gracious God. Inspire the whole church, in all of its marvelous diversity, to remain united in our common mission of proclaiming the love of Christ. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Prepare the nations for your coming, gracious God. Enlighten the world's leadership to strive toward a vision of peace, where the wolf shall live with the lamb. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Prepare those who are outcast for your coming, gracious God. Shine the beacon of your hope on those who are lonely and forgotten, and who are victims of violence and injustice, that they too may know your joy. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Prepare those who suffer for your coming, gracious God. Encircle those who are ill with a mantle of healing and hope (*especially*). O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Prepare this community of faith for your coming, gracious God. Empower us to embody Christ's presence through our care for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Prepare our hearts for your coming, gracious God. Keep us in unity with those who have died in the faith (*especially*) and who now rest in the joy and peace of your presence. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C **Amen**

+**Peace:** page 66

OFFERING

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Communion

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Announcements and Blessings

+**Sending Hymn:** #41 O Little Town of Bethlehem

+**Dismissal:** page 74

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

- Welcome Christopher & Roxanne Feather into membership at St. Peter's. They are the son & Daughter-in-law of Steve & Diane Feather.
- The offering for December 1st was \$1,583.
- Worship with Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at St. Peter's at 9:00am, at Messiah at 10:30am, and Wednesday evening at 5:30pm at St. Peter's. Sunday School classes meet at Messiah at 9:30am and at St. Peter's at 10:15am.
- Practice for the Christmas program 6:00 tonight at St. Peter's.
- St. Peter's Christmas Brunch (provided by ladies group; donations accepted & will be matched up to \$300 by the ladies to go to the General Fund) immediately after church today.
- Donations of treats for children's Christmas stockings are due by Sunday, December 15th.
- Children's Christmas program is Sunday, December 22nd, 6:00 at St. Peter's.
- Christmas Eve service December 24th 6 p.m. at Messiah and 8:30 p.m. at St. Peter's.
- There will be **NO Quiet Hour** service on Wednesday, Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st.
- Sunday, January 5th, during the service, St. Peter's will have Installation of Council members & Steward of Acolytes.

- Happy Birthday to Roy Claycomb, Denise Kagarise and Ernie Draeger.
- Happy Anniversary to David & Lynda Miller.

Monthly Schedule

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULED

Every Wednesday evening "Quiet Hour" service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the sanctuary of St. Peter's at 5:30 p.m.

Souper Wednesday - 3rd Wednesday 6:00pm
at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Bible Study every Thursday
10-noon at Mary Kay Osman's

Outreach Sunday – 1st Sunday

St. Peter's WELCA meeting – 1st Sunday
after the service

Parish Council meeting – 2nd Sunday 7:00
(odd months only 3,5,7...)

St. Peter's Council meeting – 2nd Sunday 6:00

Comforting Friends – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity
Reformed Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday

Non-perishable food items will be delivered to
New Paris food bank on Monday December 16.

**Bloodmobile at St. Peter's
Dates for 2014**

January 15th

March 26th

May 28th

July 23rd

Please mark your calendars.

We need donors & volunteers
to keep this a successful bloodmobile.