Give thanks and have a grateful heart for all you have received.
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, Nov. 4th

Isaiah 25:6-9  Revelations 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

9:45 AM German Hymn Sing
Church Choir
Sunday School

25 PENTECOST SUNDAY, Nov. 11th

1 Kings 17:8-16  Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

*Blanket Blessing*

Bell Choir
Sunday School

26 PENTECOST SUNDAY, Nov. 18th

Daniel 12:1-3  Hebrews 10:11-18
Mark 13:1-8

Church Choir
Sunday School

CHRIST the KING SUNDAY, Nov. 25th

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  Revelations 1:4b-18
John 18:33-37

Bell Choir
Sunday School

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REMEMBRANCE
OF THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED

On November 4th, we remember those saints who departed this veil during the past year. Those given a Christian burial include:

+ MARIA KRAUNTER +
+ HANNELORE REHNER +
+ HEINRICH BOEHM +
+ WALTRAUD CZUDNOCHOWSKY +

If a name has been inadvertently omitted or if you have a death to be remembered in our prayers, please call the Church Office (586-979-3850). This is our “Totensonntag Observance” for the year.
November 4, 2018

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Resurrection and Life

Tears are plenteous. Children from one ocean to another cry out for bread and clean water, for health and warmth. Young people cry out powerful concern for the future. One generation to another weeps over loved ones lost, over loneliness, over reconciliation gone awry.

Jesus wept too. Standing outside the tomb of his friend Lazarus, he wept. Jesus' tears might seem oddly placed. Lazarus's sisters, Martha and Mary, had called for Jesus as their brother fought illness. The sisters expected Jesus to come, and come quickly — after all, Lazarus was one Jesus "loved". But Jesus waited. Jesus stayed back, telling his disciples Lazarus had simply "fallen asleep." Only at the appropriate time would he go to wake up Lazarus.

When Jesus does arrive it is four long days after Lazarus has died. Mary and Martha are still overcome with grief. Still in no hurry to make his way to the grave, Jesus stops to hear Martha give words to her pain: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:21). He stops to hear Mary cry the same words. Then—and only then—does he make his way to Lazarus's tomb.

Why does Jesus cry, after waiting all that time to go to the grave? Why does he cry, when he must have known, like Martha and Mary, that he could have done something about it?

He cries because all causes of human pain—separation, death, suffering—are surely to be wept over. Even in the midst of the presence of God, sorrow is real. It hurts. But against all pain, God's promises have final victory for us, for all who experience pain and death. "I am," Jesus says, "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). Today, on All Saints Sunday, we celebrate the astounding promise of resurrection. Jesus lives, and we live because of him.

November 22, 2018

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Love, Listen, and Take to Heart

Today's gospel is not only among the most popular and poetic passages in the Gospel of Matthew; it's also among the most comforting in the Bible. "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?" (Matt. 6:26-27).

Though it is unquestionable that the pain of life burdens some more than others, still, everyone knows what it means to suffer—male and female, rich and poor, young and old, and everyone in between. Any reminder of God's constant love is good and necessary for all of us. However, we shouldn't confuse not worrying about the physical conditions of our own life with not worrying about the physical conditions of our neighbors. Even well-meaning Christians can make this error. Jesus tells us that the commandments to love God and to "love your neighbor as yourself" are the greatest commandments (Mark 12:31). Just as each of us has dreams and fears, so does our neighbor. Ignoring or dismissing the cries of the abused and the suffering of the vulnerable—especially when these injustices are perpetuated in Christ's own name—is sinful, not loving. As Christians, we are commanded to love.

We cannot "eat in plenty and be satisfied" (Joel 2:26) if our neighbor is denied entry to the banquet—whether in our homes, in church fellowship halls, or at community tables. In thanksgiving for all that our gracious God provides for us and the whole creation, we too can join in God's loving and creative care for all.

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November 25, 2018

CHRIST THE KING

Jesus Chose Us

In today’s gospel, Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, is questioning Jesus. Jesus tells Pilate, "My kingdom is not from here" (John 18:36). Jesus’ kingdom is not from this world, but Jesus submitted to this world in every way. Jesus’ kingdom is not from this world, but Jesus spent his entire life living in its worst conditions. Yet despite the uncertainty and danger with which he lived, Jesus did not speak or act as though he was weak and powerless. What is more, he never hesitated to try the patience of the powerful, despite the fact that doing so would eventually cost him his life. And even when he had crowds of thousands welcoming and praising him, he knew that using the tools of the world to accomplish God's kingdom would only fail, just as it had for others so many times before.

Jesus’ kingdom is not from this world, and nobody knew that better than Jesus.

And yet we choose him, he who was so utterly different from all of us. Or rather, because Jesus chose us as we are, we listen to his voice (John 18:37). Now a part of both this world—the world as we know it—and Jesus' kingdom, we have Jesus’ power, light, and love inside us. This power regenerates every cell of our being so that our words and deeds are as much an extension of our own will as they are manifestations of the power of Christ's true kingdom. With this power, this grace, we too can live within this fallen world with hope and boldness. We are strengthened by the knowledge that we belong to God's kingdom, that we belong to the truth—to Jesus—and indeed have always belonged there. From this place of belonging, we invite others to listen to Jesus' voice and follow this king.

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BLANKET BLESSING

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 11th at 10:00 AM for the Blessing of Blankets for Children’s Hospital making it a very joyous occasion.

The blankets will be displayed in the church sanctuary on the pews during the service. Everyone will be able to take a closer look at all the marvelous blankets, hats and scarves that were either handmade or purchased. Refreshments will be served after the service.

We are thankful for everyone’s effort and support of this outreach ministry.

It is not too late to still donate blankets!

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35
Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him”....and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:11).

The wise men were so excited when the Christ Child was born. They travelled such a long distance, day and night, guided by the light of a brand new star, until they found the infant king. They fell down and worshiped him, bringing gifts to honor him. Can you imagine their excitement to follow a strange new star, leave their homes to travel a long distance, bring gifts for someone they had never met, and then to return all the way home after seeing and worshiping the newborn Christ Child?

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, the birth of Jesus, and the anticipation of another new year, we invite you to join us in worshiping our newborn Savior, who gives us so many good gifts, who saves us from sin and death, and who will take us home to be with Him in heaven. Please join us in worship on Sunday mornings and on Christmas Eve, help us decorate our church for Christmas, participate in our Advent celebration with the Carpathia Choir on December 9th, assist our Church Choir or Bell Choir during the holiday season, and consider making a special donation to our Christmas Drive. We want you to join us as we continue the mission of St. Peter’s to “go and share the love of Christ.”
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We apologize if anyone’s birthday or anniversary has been overlooked.

Seniorenkreis

DANKSAGUNGSTAG
Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018

11:00 AM

$13.00 / person

Please RSVP by Nov. 11th in the Narthex or with Inge Lüdeking 596-286-3812 or Erika Anger 586-777-7566

Everyone is Welcome to enjoy our Program and Lunch
Many families in our community are struggling to take care of a loved one at home. For these full-time caregivers, a break to run errands, go to their own doctor appointments, or just relax for an hour is often impossible because their parent or spouse cannot be left alone. If you have a few hours, once or twice a month, to just sit with an older or disabled adult, your gift of time will make a huge difference for these families. No hands-on care or nursing experience is needed.

Hundred of older and disabled neighbors in our community need help getting to doctor appointments, the grocery store, or other essential errands. Being able to get food and medical care can make it possible for them to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. We are in need on volunteers who can provide transportation in the local area. We especially need drivers who are available during daytime business hours—mornings & afternoons. If you have a couple hours a month that you can give to someone in need, you can make a difference in the life of a struggling neighbor.

For more information, call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers a 586-757-5551.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 9  Advent Celebration with the Carpathia Choir & Cookie Sale
      10:00 AM

Dec 20  Seniorenkreis Christmas Party
       11:00 AM

Dec. 23  4th Advent Service
      10:00 AM

Dec. 24  CHRISTMAS EVE
      3:00 PM German Holy Communion
      5:00 PM English Holy Communion

Dear ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH (QS769),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!

We have recently upgraded our Community Rewards system, and as a result, your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number. (QS769) Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. While the previous number will continue to be associated with your organization, it will not be visible to your members when enrolling. New members can enroll by searching for either the new number or the name of your organization.

If you have any questions, please email kcr18@kroger.com or visit our website at http://www.kroger.com.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff.
Join in the festivities and come decorate the church!

Let’s make St. Peter’s shine in all its glory for the Christmas season.

A variety of sessions are planned for you to choose from:

**Saturday, Nov. 10th 9:00 AM:**
Illuminate St. Peter’s by putting up outside lights at the main entrance on the pillars, bushes and on the outside of the church. Hot chocolate & donuts provided

**Saturday, Dec. 1st 9:00 AM:**
Instill the holiday spirit with lights, garland, wreaths & a second Christmas Tree in Luther Hall for all to enjoy at the Advent Celebration. Coffee & bagels provided.

**Thursday, Dec. 6th 6:00 PM:**
- Help decorate the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary
- Hang wreaths in the sanctuary
- Decorate the Library and Narthex with miniature trees, garland and wreaths

All while listening to Christmas music and munching on refreshments.

It is important that St. Peter’s looks its best for the holidays to draw in visitors to hear the Christmas Story. **We need your help!**

Please call, 586-979-3850, to let us know if you can help on any of these days or sign up in the Narthex.
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
Advent Celebration
Sunday, Dec. 9th
11:30 AM
Refreshments, Christmas Carols
Cookie Sale
Carpathia Choir singing
during the 10:00 AM Service
11423 Chicago Rd., Warren
586-979-3850
Thanksgiving is the unofficial start of the holiday season. Preparations are already under way for our Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 14th at 11:00 AM, which is our next meeting. Invite your friends & family. Make sure to make your reservations by calling either Inge Lüdeking 586-286-3812 or Erika Anger 586-777-7566.

Saturday, Dec. 1st at 9:00 am, we will decorate the hall for Christmas which is always a fun event. The Christmas tree will be put up & decorated, lights from the ceiling will be hung, snowmen are put on the window sills, the piano is decorated with evergreen boughs, etc. Everyone is asked to help, Donuts & coffee will be offered as Christmas music plays in the background. Our Christmas Party this year will be on Wednesday, December 19th at 11:00 AM.

Daylight saving time (DST), is the practice of advancing clocks during summer months so that evening daylight lasts longer, while sacrificing normal sunrise times. Typically, regions that use daylight saving time adjust clocks forward one hour close to the start of spring and adjust them backward in the autumn to standard time. In effect, DST causes a lost hour of sleep in the spring and an extra hour of sleep in the fall.

George Hudson proposed the idea of daylight saving in 1895. The German Empire and Austria-Hungary organized the first nationwide implementation, starting on April 30, 1916. Many countries have used it at various times since then, particularly since the energy crisis of the 1970s.

DST is generally not observed near the equator, where sunrise times do not vary enough to justify it. Some countries observe it only in some regions; for example, southern Brazil observes it while equatorial Brazil does not. Only a minority of the world's population uses DST, because Asia and Africa generally do not observe it.

DST clock shifts sometimes complicate time-keeping and can disrupt travel, billing, record keeping, medical devices, heavy equipment, and sleep patterns. Computer software often adjusts clocks automatically, but policy changes by various jurisdictions of DST dates and timings may be confusing.

Wikipedia.com

November 4th
Ladies & Gentlemen

START YOUR OVENS!

It is once again time to get your recipes out, make your shopping list, and dig out your cookie cutters. Our annual Advent Celebration & Cookie Sale is on Sunday, Dec. 9th at 11:30 AM.

We have had great success in the past with our cookie sale *(last year we sold out of all our cookies)* and look forward to this year. Everyone is asked to bake a few batches of cookies. You can start now and freeze them until you bring them to church on Friday, Dec. 8th between 10 AM—4 PM.

All the cookies will be assembled & wrapped on Saturday, Dec. 8th at 9:00 AM.

If you make a batch a week you will have quite a few to donate. The more the better. Get your children & grandchildren involved! There’s nothing like a family together with the smell of cookies baking in the air.

Volunteers are needed Saturday, Dec. 8th to assemble the plates of cookies also. Contact Herta Benesch for information.

We are counting on you!

PLEASE

let the office manager (Astrid) know if anyone is sick, in the hospital or homebound. Thank you!

In Nursing Home:
Hohentanner, Adolph
Mohr, Elisabeth
Schiszler, Hans
Wachner, Elsa

In Care Facility:
Zerrer, Ilse
Pridoehl, Hannelore
Boehm, Eva

At Home:
Christian & Heidi Heinzelmann
Kraemer, Feli
Mehr, Elisabeth
Schiszler, Hans

Cheer someone up by giving them a friendly call!

Cranberry Relish

- Prep time: 20 minutes
- Yield: Makes about 3 cups

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 Cups rinsed raw cranberries
- 2 skinned, cored tart green apples sliced
- 1 large orange with PEEL cut into sections
- 1-2 cups sugar

1. Put cranberries, apples & orange (with peel) in a food processor & pulse until desired consistency careful not to make mush.
2. Stir in the sugar to your desired level of sweetness. Let sit at room temp until sugar dissolves, about 45 minutes. Store in refrigerator until ready to use.
Every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM, the children of the parish join in the early service through the Children’s Sermon. They are then excused to Luther Hall with their teacher for their lesson based on the Sunday lectionary used in worship.

Remember to talk to your children about the marvelous things they learned and did at Sunday School. You will see what a good time they have when they come!

Help our children meet their faithful Sunday School attendance!
Everyone enjoys the fellowship of our coffee hours after the services.

Won’t you please consider hosting the Coffee Hour one Sunday morning, perhaps to celebrate a birthday or anniversary?

Please let the office, 586-979-3850 know if you plan on hosting a particular Sunday.

Thank you!

NOVEMBER  

4  Monica Tohlman  
11  Rosi Kuhlmann  
18  Herta Benesch  
25  Michael Ganesch

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.  
James 1:17

Thanksgiving:
It’s about sitting down to eat with the people who mean the most to us, beginning with a prayer, and meaning the words more because we’re saying them together.

It’s about passing love around the table, and bowing our heads in Thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior.

Respectfully, Rosi Kuhlmann  
(586) 792-9080

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