

# JANUARY 1, 2012 NEW YEAR'S DAY

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**THURSDAY:** Order of Service: 184

7:00 pm Hymns: 895 - 897 - 556 - 805

**SUNDAY:** Order of Service: 184

10:00 am Hymns: 895 - 897 - 556 - 805

**The Sermon:** "The Year Of Our Lord"

Psalm 8:1-9 (ESV)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** After each petition, the pastor/vicar will pray, "Lord, in your mercy," and the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."

**LET US PRAY** Gracious heavenly Father, who sent Your Son into our world to redeem it from its sin, give us a mind that searches for Your revealed truth and a will to be continually about Your business, for Your mercy in the gift of Christ to us requires no less from us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

## **PULSE OF THE CHURCH (Attendance)**

Christmas Eve Worship Attendance: 439

Last Sunday (Christmas Day) Worship Attendance: 136

St. Peter's Total Membership: 957

## **Our Gifts To Our Lord:**

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>Total This Year</u></b>
Offerings:	\$ 12,804.09	\$ 323,125.74
Weekly Budget	6,692.31	334,615.50
Compared to Budget	+ 6,111.78	— 24,874.38

*Galatians 4:4-7 or Galatians 3:23-29: On this first Sunday after Christmas we rejoice that at the right time God sent His Son to be the best Christmas gift that any human being could ever receive. This gift moves us to be Christian stewards who relate to others in God-pleasing and people-blessing ways.*

## **ELDERS:**

Thur: 7:00 pm: Glen Collins

Sun: 10:00 am: Kace Kaiser

## **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Today (1)	Divine Worship Service 10:00 am
Wednesday (4)	Dartball, vs. Rochester, Homegame 7:30 pm
Thursday (5)	Divine Worship Service 7:00 pm
Sunday (8)	Divine Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 am
	Special Information meeting (Team Ministry) 11:30 am

**GREETINGS FROM ST PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND RAINBOW PRESCHOOL!**

We join our Lord Jesus Christ in welcoming you to His House for this Divine Celebration of His Word and Sacraments. We are happy that you are here to worship Him with us today.

[www.stpeterswaterford.com](http://www.stpeterswaterford.com): Where do you go for the latest news and information about St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Our website, of course!

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** Portable listening devices are available. Please see an Elder or Usher to assist you.

**YOUNG CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** are available. The coloring page and stickers may be taken home. Please replace the bag in the plastic box when finished.

**WELCOME CENTER** The Board of Evangelism has set up a "Welcome Center" in the narthex. The center is designed to make visitors and guests feel welcome and to give them a place to sign our Guest Book and pick up brochures, tracts, and other information about our church. Stop by and check it out. We also ask that you offer a warm welcome to our visitors and direct them to our new "Welcome Center."

**2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES** have been placed in your mailboxes (each family has a mailbox) Extra envelope boxes for additional family members are on a table in the narthex. If you did not get a box, please notify the church office and a box will be issued for you.

**ANNUAL REPORT TIME** All Boards, Committees and Organizations with checking/savings accounts please have your 2011 Annual Report in the office by January 16<sup>th</sup>. You may drop it off, fax it (262-534-2571) or email it to [joan@stpeterswaterford.com](mailto:joan@stpeterswaterford.com).

**UPDATE ON THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR ISSUE** Since the last Voter's Meeting the Associate Pastor Study Committee has completed the benefit and feasibility study and submitted a recommendation to the Church Council to proceed with the call process to fill the position of Associate Pastor. The Church Council has accepted and approved this recommendation. The Church Council will be presenting the motion to fill the position of Associate Pastor at the January 29<sup>th</sup> Voters' Meeting. This motion will also include terminating the Vicarage program concluding at the end of the existing term. Given the importance of this decision, the Church Council is recommending that a majority vote of 2/3 of the members present must be met to approve the Associate Pastor position and terminate the Vicarage program.

**A special information meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 8th, at 11:30 a.m. for members to ask questions about what team ministry would look like and the associated costs.** Every member of the congregation is strongly encouraged to attend. *(The Packers will not be playing that day.) Why have a second pastor? How will it enhance the ministry for all of us? What is the financial impact of this? Should we do it? Can we do it?* Please join us to meet and ask questions and gather more information before making such an important decision.

**PRAYERS** There is a Prayer Request Book located in the narthex. Feel Free to use this book to request a prayer. Also check it periodically to pray for someone else.

**HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR CARD?** For the past several weeks we have been asking our members to fill out their commitment cards. They are different this year. We are not asking for a pledge amount from anyone. We simply asked that you fill out the card indicating that you have carefully thought and prayed, and have made a commitment to give of your time, talents, and treasures to the Church in the coming year. The amount and the extent of your participation is between you and Lord. All we wanted to know by returning the card is that you do acknowledge the gifts and talents God has given you and you do intend to be good stewards of those gifts. To date we have received 25 cards from the 360 we distributed. At the very least, people just forgot. But we also wonder if, for a large group of people, it didn't seem important to think about their Christian stewardship and show their commitment by turning in a card. At worst, people have decided not to support our church this year. In any case, it's rather obvious that the bulletin inserts that ran for 8 weeks and the 8 week Bible study Pastor Bischoff led on stewardship had little or no impact on the vast majority of our members. We don't know what that says, it but it's hard to spin it in any positive way. The box to receive the cards remains in the narthex. Additional cards can be found by the box. The Board of Stewardship will check it again in a couple of weeks.

**HELP US, HELP YOUR COMMUNITY** Love, Inc. thrift stores need your donations. Do you have gently used items that you are not using? Bring them to Love, Inc. in Burlington. We will take clothes, books, electronics, household items, furniture, and much more. If you have large items Love will pick them up from your house or place of business. Did you know the proceeds from our thrift stores fund our programs and stay right here in your community? For more information call Love, Inc. office at [262-763-6226](tel:262-763-6226). Thank you for your support.

**COMPUTER CLASSES:** Want to feel more comfortable using your computer? A limited number of spaces are available for classes in Microsoft Office applications beginning January 11. Classes will be held at on Wednesdays at either 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pat Jahn at 262-662-1687 or [pjahn@wi.rr.com](mailto:pjahn@wi.rr.com) to let her know which class you'd like to attend.

**NEWSLETTER CHANGE** In an effort to save on printing costs, we have cut down on the number of Newsletters we are printing. To compensate, we have posted the Newsletter on the church web site. If you have internet access, we encourage you to read the Newsletter online. If you do not have access to our Newsletter online, feel free to take a paper copy. They are located on the shelf by the church mailboxes. Online newsletters will be archived so you can always look at past issues. We'd also like to remind you that our Sunday bulletins are always posted on our web site so you can catch up on the weeks events and announcements if you happen to miss a Sunday.

**CREATION MUSEUM** - Pastor Tom Chryst from Grace Lutheran Church in Racine is organizing a trip to the Creation Museum (near Cincinnati), on April 13-15, 2012. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Pastor Chryst at [tomchryst@yahoo.com](mailto:tomchryst@yahoo.com).

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## NEW YEAR'S DAY

### FIRST LESSON: Psalm 8:1-9 (ESV)

O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

[2] Out of the mouth of babes and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.

[3] When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

[4] what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?

[5] Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

[6] You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under his feet,  
[7] all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

[8] the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

[9] O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### SECOND LESSON: Galatians 4:4-7 (ESV)

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. [6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" [7] So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:22-40 (ESV)

And when the time came for their purification according to the

Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

[23] (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") [24] and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." [25] Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. [26] And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. [27] And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, [28] he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

[29] "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

[30] for my eyes have seen your salvation

[31] that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

[32] a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel."

[33] And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. [34] And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed

[35] (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

[36] And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, [37] and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. [38] And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

[39] And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. [40] And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.