

JANUARY 2, 2010 2nd SUNDAY After CHRISTMAS

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7:00 pm Hymns: 412 - 410 - 358 - 805

SUNDAY: Order of Service: Page 184

8:00 & 10:30 am Hymns: 412 - 410 - 358 - 805

The Sermon: "Doing The Father's Business"

Luke 2:40-52 (ESV)

PRAYER OF THE DAY Eternal Word, made flesh to dwell among us full of grace and truth, fill us with the Word and with faith, for we must be heralds making proclamation of the Word to the world; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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PULSE OF THE CHURCH (Attendance)

Christmas Eve Attendance: 412

Christmas Day Attendance: 126

Last Sunday Attendance: 122

St. Peter's Total Membership: 985

Our Gifts To Our Lord:	Last Week	Total This Year
Offerings:	\$13,631.25	\$ 338,265.95
Weekly Budget	7,069.23	367,599.96
Compared to Budget	+ 6,562.02	— 29,334.01

Ephesians 1:3-14: In Christ we have been redeemed and chosen to be people of God who give witness to the power of God in our lives by our faith, words and actions. What a Christmas present and what joy to know that we are sealed for salvation because the Holy Spirit at work within us is God's guarantee that we truly are His redeemed people and heirs of eternal life. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus unto Thee!

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ELDERS: Thrs: Jim Haas

Sun 8:00 am: Duane Harma

10:30 am: Kace Kaiser

ACOLYTES:

Tiffany Schaefer, Katelynn Schwarten

Colton Mueller, Jennifer Rayeske

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today (2) Divine Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am

Tuesday (4) Vicar's Bible Class 7:00 pm

Thursday (6) Divine Worship Service 7:00 pm

Sunday (2) Divine Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

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WELCOME MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO THIS DIVINE SERVICE AT ST. PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL: We are happy that you are here with us today! During this time of new birth and new beginnings, we encourage you to put aside all your past transgressions and seek a new life of faith, hope and praise in our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is here for you. Are you here for Him? If you are a guest, please complete a blue GUEST card and give it to an usher. Thanks for joining us!

www.stpeterswaterford.com : Where do you go for the latest news and information about St. Peter's Church and School? 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.

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been placed in your mailboxes. If you do not find one, please notify the church office and a box will be issued for you. Boxes for additional family members are placed on the glass display case in the narthex. (262-534-3639)

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WORTH ADOPTING: How about reading the entire Bible in one year? It can be done and it's really a lot less daunting than you might think (only 15-20 minutes a day). We have placed Bible-reading schedules on the shelf by the mailboxes. It includes a passage for each day and, if followed, will take you through the entire Bible in one year. It all started on January 1st so pick up your schedule today.

COMPUTER COURSE: Want to learn how to use your computer's software? Write letters, publish a newsletter, prepare a resume with Microsoft® Word. Calculate your retirement income, develop a household inventory, or balance your checkbook with Microsoft® Excel. Create posters, slide shows and fliers with Microsoft® PowerPoint. A limited number of spaces are available for classes in these popular applications beginning in January. If you would be interested in attending a class, please contact Pat Jahn at 262-662-1687 or pjahn@wi.rr.com.

NEW CHRISTMAS TREE Have you noticed our new Christmas tree? The decorating committee purchased it and wondered if anyone would like to donate toward the cost of it. If you would like to do so, please write a check to St. Peter's with TREE in the memo line.

ATTENTION—PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: Beginning in September, 2011, St. Peter's Rainbow Preschool in Waterford will be expanding its established, State Licensed, 3 & 4 year old Preschool with the addition of a Day Care program. Since 1991, St. Peter's Rainbow Preschool, located on Main Street in Waterford, 4 blocks west of Hwy 36, has offered a CHRIST-centered education atmosphere with experienced, caring, dedicated teachers & staff within a safe, clean, and loving environment. St. Peter's Rainbow Preschool offers flexible hours, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and competitive pricing plans which are available to meet the needs of various schedules and time commitments. If you would like more information, please visit our website at <http://stpeterswaterford.com/school> and click on the Enrollment Form button or call 262-534-6066 to request information. "Faith & Education for a Lifetime"

ANNUAL REPORT TIME All boards, committees, organizations—please submit a copy of your group's 2010 annual report. This is needed to be run off for the January Voters' Meeting. Please drop off a copy in the church office; email it to joan@stpeterswaterford.com; or fax it to Joan at 262-534-3639. Deadline is Monday, January 17th.

LOVE, INC. The Board of Social Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped with serving and providing food for the Love, Inc. meal last month. We continue to serve 30-50 people who are in need of a hot meal, once a month. We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support.

FREE WHITE MAYTAG DISHWASHER Just got new appliances and have no need for the working dishwasher. If you need a dishwasher, please call Cheryl at 414-213-4220. (Waterford)

PRAYERS There is a prayer request book located in the narthex. It is on the glass display case. Feel free to use this book to request a prayer. Also check it periodically to pray for someone else.

ST. PETER'S PRAYER TEAM Email your prayer requests or join the prayer team at weallpray@hotmail.com

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Faith and Education for a Lifetime: St. Peter's Lutheran School partners with families to develop God given potential in children within a Christ-centered nurturing environment by reaching out with God's Word and educational excellence. Please call Mr. Schallhorn at 534-6066 or 952-913-7766 or email at principal@stpeterswaterford.com if you or you know of someone who would have their children receive a Christian education. Tuition assistance is available.

- *Fully dedicated faculty, staff, and School Board*
- *Very supportive and committed families to Christian Education*
- *Individual instruct to meet student potential*
- *Many extra – curricular activities and programs opportunities for each student*
- *Spanish beginning at four year old Preschool*
- *Service opportunities for character building*
- *High achievement test scores*
- *Full computer lab*
- *Growing sport's program with entry into a league*
- *More opportunities to teach God's love and grace to each of our students in our school*

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Strengths:

- An established structure for a successful preschool program is already in place
- Many families have expressed a need for an all day offering

- We have the ability to distinguish ourselves from area daycare provider facilities with our established, Christ Centered, K-3, K-4, pre-school program.

Rates:

\$50.00 registration fee per child per year

\$20.00 per day for preschool only 8:30-11:30am (3 hrs)

\$35.00 per day for 4hrs-6hrs

\$50.00 per day for 7hrs-10hrs

\$200.00 per week for 5 full days

Plus \$35.00 one time annual snack fee per child

Lady Eagles Basketball - Upcoming Schedule:

Tuesday, January 4th Christian Life - Kenosha 5:45 p.m. Away

Tuesday, January 11th Racine Christian 5:45 p.m. Away

Tuesday, January 18th St. John's - Racine 5:45 p.m. Home

Tuesday, February 1st Christian Life - Kenosha 5:45 p.m. Home

Thursday, February 3rd Trinity - Racine 5:45 p.m. Away

Tuesday, February 8th Concordia - Sturtevant 5:45 p.m. Away

Tuesday, February 15th St. John's - Racine 5:45 p.m. Away

Come cheer for our Lady Eagles!

Answers to last week's Trivia Questions

How many of our five K-8th teachers have a valid Wisconsin State Teacher License?

- a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4 e. all five

Answer: e. All five—All of our synodically trained K—8th teachers are also qualified and state licensed to teach in Wisconsin Public Schools.

True or False – St. Peter's Lutheran Rainbow Preschool is State Licensed?

Answer: True—Our Rainbow Preschool is State Licensed and annually reviewed by a state inspector.

Off this week!

The Second Sunday After Christmas

Old Testament: 1 Kings 3:4-15 (ESV)

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." 6And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. 7And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. 8And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. 9Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

10It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. 13I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. 14And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

15And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who

has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 2:40-52 (ESV)

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

41Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49And he said to them,

"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

52And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Prayer of the Church
Second Sunday after Christmas
January 2, 2011

V: The God and Father of our Lord Jesus has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. Let us bring our prayers before Him, trusting that God will pour out abundant blessing on all for whom we pray. ... For the Church throughout the world; for pastors, teachers, and all the people, that, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, we may be holy and blameless before him. For our confirmands and those who instruct them, that they grow in understanding, discerning, and putting into practice the riches of God's grace for us in Christ Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

V: For the president of our nation, for leaders of nations throughout the world, and for our regional and local leaders, that they may lead with the wisdom and discernment that come from humility before God. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

V: For all those whose lives are affected by war-- our military personnel and their families, civilians, and enemy combatants -- that the peace of God which surpasses understanding may overcome all hatred, heartache, violence, and despair. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

(Here special intercessions may be made.)

V: For parents, that treasuring in their hearts the riches of God's grace in Christ, they raise their children to love and fear God. For children, that by the riches of God's grace, they grow in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

V: For this congregation, adopted into the family of God through Christ Jesus, that we may live to the praise of His glorious grace. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

V: We have heard the word of truth. We believe in Christ. We are sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. To you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, we entrust all for whom we pray in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.