

## NOVEMBER 27, 2011 1st SUNDAY in ADVENT

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**SUNDAY:** Order of Service: 151

8:00 & 10:30 am Hymns: 332—334—355—805

**The Sermon:** "We Don't Climb the Ladder to Get to God,  
Instead Jesus Comes Down to Us!"  
Mark 11:1-10 (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** King of Kings, whose return in splendor at the end-time is a bulwark of our faith, give us patience to wait and watch and listen for the first sounds of the herald trumpets, because we are excited beyond our ability to contain it with wanting Your return; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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

Last Sunday Worship Attendance:	229
Sunday School	63
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:	\$ 6,295.15	\$ 283,689.15
Weekly Budget	6,692.31	314,538.57
Compared to Budget	— 397.16	— 30,849.42

*1 Cor. 1:3-9: Watch and wait with joyful expectation! Modern day Christian stewards are like the Corinthian Christians of St. Paul's day. Like the Corinthians, we have been enriched in every way and equipped with spiritual gifts so that we can join with other Christians in building up our fellow stewards in God-pleasing and people-blessing ways.*

### **ELDERS:**

Sun 8:00 am: Robert Hassey  
10:30 am: Jim Haas

### **ACOLYTES:**

Kaitlyn Buchholtz, Savannah Schmidt  
Chance Whitmore, Timothy Buechler  
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### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Today (27)	Divine Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am No Sunday School or Bible Class
Monday (28)	Senior Friendship Group 11:00 am Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm
Tuesday (29)	Pastor's Bible Class 7:00 pm Vicar's Bible Class 7:00 pm

Thursday (1) Ladies Aid 12:00 pm (noon pot luck)  
Divine Worship Service 7:00 pm  
Sunday (4) Divine Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 am

**WELCOME TO THE DIVINE SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH!** As we celebrate Thanksgiving, please join us in thanking our heavenly Father for His gift of grace to us which grants our salvation and for His greatest gift to us – the coming of His Son, Jesus, to save us for all eternity.

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE** at [www.stpeterswaterford.com](http://www.stpeterswaterford.com) or meet us on Facebook!

**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. A very special thank you is extended to Dan Jahn for constructing and mounting the frame which holds the "Welcome Center" sign. 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."

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP** Our meeting is Monday, November 28th at 11:00 am for Bible Study. A short meeting follows; then on to our Bag lunch with dessert & coffee provided. Our group is for our seniors—members and nonmembers 55+. Please join us for fun & fellowship!

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR NEWS** Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21 at 8:00 pm in the balcony. We will sing at the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve worship service. Please prayerfully consider joining us in lifting our voices in song. Anyone confirmation age and older is welcome to join us. We would also like to have special music at the 7:30 pm Christmas Eve service and the Christmas Day service. If you would like to offer to be part of either of those services it would be greatly appreciated. Questions can be directed to Sue Johnson, 534-3651, or natlmemi@tds.net

**FLOWER ORDER DEADLINE** December 1st! Don't Wait! Order yours today!

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR?** Our congregation (that's you!) is seriously considering calling an Associate Pastor who will, among his other pastoral responsibilities, concentrate on working with our children and youth. At our last Voters' Meeting information was presented for consideration. *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?* Answers were presented, but voters indicated that they would like to meet again to ask more questions and gather more information before making such an important decision. A special information meeting will be held soon. Every member of the congregation is strongly encouraged to attend. When the date and time are determined, we will post the information here in the bulletin, on our church website and in Pastor Bischoff's "Weekly Email." Please watch for details

**RAINBOW PRESCHOOL NEWS** ..... Mark your calendars, Rainbow Preschool will be having their Christmas Program Wednesday, December 14th at 11:00 am. All are welcome to come!

Also, we are no longer accepting Box Tops. Since we are not a running K-8 School, we are no longer eligible to participate in the Fund-raiser. But please save Sentry Receipts, Kemps Milk Caps, Campbell's Labels and McDonalds Receipts. Thanks for all your help!

**NEEDED** We are looking for help for Altar Guild. All members are divided into teams. Each team has a designated month... Looking for help in march, October, and November. We prepare the Altar for Holy Communion and wash the ware after the service. Set-up can be done at your convenience on Thursday or Saturday. Any questions, please call Marian Becker 534-3638 or talk to Joan. No meeting to attend.

**COMPUTER CLASSES** Want to feel more comfortable using your computer? Want to save the pictures your kids and grandkids send you? Need to create a list in your email program? 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. Open a whole new world with Internet surfing. Read the church newsletter online, as well as news from all over the world. 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 let us know by contacting Pat Jahn at 262-662-1687 or [pjahn@wi.rr.com](mailto:pjahn@wi.rr.com).

**COLLEGE STUDENTS** If you are in college, please notify the church office—we'd like to send you the newsletters, etc. Parents, if your child is away at school, please notify the church office of their address.

**ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATHS!** Church members and owners of Skyline Landscape Design, Tina Multhauf and Andrea Scott are hand making and selling Christmas wreaths, grave blankets, and outdoor holiday planters. A **portion of the sales will be donated back to the church** from orders placed by our church members. **Orders will be taken November 13 - November 27th.** See our display in the Narthex for order forms, wreath options, and delivery dates! Thank you!

Andrea & Tina (262-514-3777)

Skyline Landscape Design, LLC, 32409 High Drive, Burlington

**CHRIS' COOL CLOSET** located in the Wind Lake Plaza, Highway 36 in Wind Lake is co-owned by church member, Debbie Wouffe. Chris' Cool Closet is a consignment clothing store for girls, teen girls, misses, women's, plus size, maternity and special occasion dresses along with shoes & accessories, jewelry, crafts and re-gifting items. From now thru November 30<sup>th</sup>, when a member of St. Peter's makes a purchase at the store, **10% of your total will be donated to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.** Open Mon- Sat; please tell them at the time of check-out that you are from St. Peter's.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANERS** 7957 W. Wind Lake Road, Wind Lake (262-895-3620) Located in the Wind Lake Plaza. Church members, Dwight & Debi Jutrzonka will **return 10% of the invoices to St. Peter's Church when members have their clothes cleaned at Neighborhood Cleaners.** Please be sure to sign the St. Peter's Book to get the credit.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** The Senior, Children's, and Handbell Choirs of St. John's Lutheran Church, 1501 Erie Street, Racine invite you to attend their 55th Annual Christmas Concert on December 11 at 7:00 pm. Pre-concert music beginning at 6:45 pm will feature guest organist Frederik M. Bach. All in attendance are invited to a reception following the concert in the school cafeteria.

**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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## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9 (ESV)

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

[2] as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

[3] When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

[4] From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.

[5] You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

[6] We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

[7] There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

[8] But now, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

[9] Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,  
and remember not iniquity forever.

Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (ESV)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5] that in

every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— [6] even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— [7] so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8] who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

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### **GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11:1-10 (ESV)**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples [2] and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3] If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.' " [4] And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. [5] And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6] And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7] And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8] And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. [9] And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! [10] Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"