

St. Peters Lutheran Church
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Our Mission Statement:

**“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.”**

Psalm 105:1



Festivals, Feasts, Saints, and Invitations

The lights are dimming and maybe have gone out at your house by the time you are reading this newsletter. Christmas is wrapping up on the 6th of January (so you have a little more time for lights) and we are moving into the bleak of midwinter. A time when the cold and snow are no longer fun or interesting. A time when the bright lights are gone, and the thoughts of spring have invaded. As a church of course a lot is going on. Far from being past the time of celebration, we are going to find January is full of wonderful events to commemorate.

We can talk about Epiphany on January 6th when the wise men or magi come to visit Jesus and the whole world is alerted to the presence of the Savior in the world. We follow this by the baptism of our Lord, the confession of Peter, Feast for St. Timothy, the Conversion of St. Paul, and finally the Feast for St. Titus. As we go into the new year, we are already a month into the new church year and with it many exciting things to remember and celebrate.

January is not the only month with things to celebrate. The church calendar is full of these days. The reason we have these festivals and feasts is to help encourage and strengthen our faith. If they are centered around Biblical events of Christ's life, they are to teach us the life of Christ so we can grow in the knowledge of God's saving work. If they center around a person, we look to how that person that saint lived their lives in times of adversity and are encouraged and strengthened to live bold lives of faith when we face adversity. Also, we learn to share our faith with them. They were bold not just in their living but also in their sharing of the hope they have in Christ for forgiveness and eternal life.

Adversity can come from either because people are trying to silence the gospel or because we are sharing the gospel and it is offending people. Either way, we take heart by seeing the examples of those who have come before us and still shared the gospel during these times of adversity. We should just call it what it is persecution. Persecution grows the church. Do not be afraid that God is going to let the church fall in light of this persecution because God will not.

We learn from the saints how to share our faith. How to go out into the world making disciples of all nations. This is scary work because it means we have to talk to friends and family about the topic of religion. We have to talk about sin and forgiveness all of which can cause trouble for us. Be bold and go talk to your friends and families. Know as you go out you are not doing your work but the work of the Lord. You are sharing the hope we all have in the death and resurrection of Jesus. And it is going to come with maybe some upset people and lots of questions.

If you do not know the answers to the questions that are just fine. You can always tell them you will come and ask your pastor and come back with the answer for them. Or better you can invite them to come to church and ask the question of Pastor with them right there to hear the answer. When you hear the answer, you will have something to discuss over coffee and lunch that day with them.

This might have been a long and roundabout way to get to saying invite people to church. Bring them to hear the good news of Christ's death to forgive their sins. It is scary at first but before long you will find many people are looking and searching for what we have to offer them. The forgiving flood of Christ's blood. They may not know that is what they are looking for but we know. Invite them and bring them to church. This is one great and simple way we make disciples of all nations.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Welton

Press Release

Report on The 62nd Regular Convention of The South Dakota District, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

December 9, 2021

The Sixty-Second Regular Convention of The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) opened with a worship service at Sioux Falls Lutheran School on Sunday, December 5, with Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, Synod President, as preacher. The convention theme, “Rooted in Christ, Abounding in Thanksgiving,” based on Colossians 2:6-7, was woven through the next two days, as pastors, lay members, and special guests gathered for business and fellowship activities at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

In his Synod President’s Report, President Harrison gave an update on the work of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod both in the United States and abroad, announced upcoming initiatives, and engaged in a Q&A session with the delegates. Rev. Michael W. Newman, President of the Texas District of the LCMS, was the Convention Essayist, and spoke of our “Gospel DNA,” tracing the roots of the LCMS and its founders to the solid truth of the Gospel and establishing key characteristics that are essential to continuing the work of bringing souls to Christ.

Rev. Scott C. Sailer of Sioux Falls was re-elected to serve a third term as President of the South Dakota District. Also re-elected were Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher, Pastor at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Black Hawk, and Rev. Timothy Rynearson, Senior Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Brookings, to their second terms as District First Vice-President and Second Vice-President respectively. Also elected to serve on the District Board of Directors were Rev. David Otten, Pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Gettysburg and Christ Lutheran Church in Lebanon, as District Secretary; Mr. Kent Harnisch of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls as District Treasurer; and Mr. David Andrews of St. John Lutheran Church in Wagner, and Mr. David Zuercher of Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre as lay members.

President Sailer delivered his District President’s Report to the delegation with emphasis on the relevance of the convention theme to the work of the District and its congregations, as well as to the opportunities ahead. He reminded us that despite challenges, we have much for which to be thankful, and that our deep roots in the Gospel equip us to spread outward in witness, in love, and in mercy to care for our neighbors and lead them to Christ, highlighting ways in which we can work together toward this end.

Delegates voted on and adopted several resolutions during the convention. Among those were Resolutions 1-03 and 1-04, through which the District’s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were amended to implement a new procedure for electing the Vice-Presidents of the District; to account for new categories of membership in the Synod; and to account for Synod Convention action on a new definition of representation of congregations and parishes at meetings of the Synod and Districts by voting and advisory delegates. The adoption of Resolution 1-06 serves to realign the District’s electoral circuits in order to fulfill certain membership number requirements for circuits established in the Synod’s Bylaws and to bring some parishes, with congregations overlapping circuit lines, into the same circuit. The convention also ratified Resolution 2-01, which continues the agreement between the South Dakota District--LCMS with Lutheran Family Service, and Resolution 2-02, which continues support for Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram, missionary to Southeast Asia, and adds financial support for Rev. Dr. Cory Rajek, missionary to Eurasia, through Together in Mission. The adoption of Resolution 2-04 suspends the current Service Area structure and establishes a Mission and Ministry Council to explore new ways of providing support and ministry resources to churches, congregations, and schools. Delegates recognized the importance of church workers in the passage of Resolution 2-06, which encourages care for our church workers to promote their wellness, and Resolution 2-08, which encourages the recruitment of church workers through support from our congregations, schools, and laypeople.

Throughout the convention, delegates received greetings and information from several partner organizations and institutions. Numerous individuals, special ministries, and organizations were recognized with thanksgiving for their work in sharing the Gospel.

Please plan to be a part of the next South Dakota District Convention, which will take place February 16-18, 2025!

--Mrs. Krista Erickson

Public Relations Director

The 62nd Regular Convention of The South Dakota District--LCMS

Rev. Scott C. Sailer

President, The South Dakota District—LCMS

Romans 1:16; 16:25-27

"...not ashamed of the Gospel"



Reminder that there will be no Jr. Bell Choir practice in January or February.

Dear LCMS Congregation,

We at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD would like to invite your members to attend a presentation we'll be hosting on January 29, 2022 entitled "Caring for the Caregiver."

More than 65 million people provide care for a chronically ill, disabled, or aged family member or friend during any given year and spend an average of 20 hours per week providing care for their loved one.

Caregiving can take its toll on caregivers emotionally, physically, financially, and spiritually. 72% of caregivers report not going to the doctor as often as they should, up to 70% experience clinically significant symptoms of depression, and those experiencing extreme stress can take as much as ten years off a caregiver's life.

But there is hope and help for caregivers. There are things that you can do to provide self-care that will reduce your level of stress, improve your confidence, better communicate your questions and feelings, increase your ability to make tough decisions, balance your life, and learn about helpful resources.

To address this need, **we will host a presentation entitled "Caring for the Caregiver" on Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 8:30am to 3:00pm.** Our featured speaker will be Toni Larson, who is a Clinical Social Worker with Lutheran Family Service of Iowa.

Larson has been certified as a Certified Master Trainer with the national Powerful Tools for Caregivers organization. She has a wealth of experience working with caregivers and equipping them with the skills needed to better navigate the journey of caregiving.

This presentation is designed for anyone who is currently a caregiver or may become a caregiver in the near future, but anyone is welcome to attend.

Lunch will be provided from Backyard BBQ & Grill. A free will offering will be collected to cover expenses.

You can find a schedule for the day on the back of this letter. **Please RSVP to Rev. Micah Bauer at pastormicahbauer@gmail.com or 605-692-2678 by January 22.** If you are not able to attend in person, we will livestream the presentation at <https://mountcalvary1.org> and post it to our Facebook page.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you.

The Board of Elders
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
629 9th Avenue
Brookings, SD 57006

Caring for the Caregiver Saturday, January 29, 2022

8:30am – Registration

9:00am – Matins

9:30am – Session 1

12:00pm – Lunch

1:00pm – Session 2

2:30pm – Session 3

4:00pm – Itinerarium

Acolyte Schedule

January – August 2022

Head Usher – Jeff Arneson Home (605) 997-2843 Cell (605) 690-0612

Olivia & MaKenzie Cacho 605-809-6737 Jeremiah DeGroot 605-690-5282 Abigail Eppe 605-270-9462 Grace & Natalie Feige 605-483-3367

Sophia Fischer 605-480-1974 CeCe & Layla Gibney 605-483-2400 Jacob Heidelberg 605-351-4820 Carson King 1-507-430-1290 Aedan Klawonn 605-670-0426 Rylie Lusk 605-728-7285

Landen McManus 605-553-6148 Addeyson Olinger 605-270-3685 Gavin & Presley Schneider 605-480-1778 Olerick Welton 1-307-221-1256 Rilynn Zillgitt 605-483-7500

If you are unable to serve as acolyte on the date assigned, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to exchange with one of the other acolytes and to let the Head Usher know!

Sunday morning worship services begin at **9:00 AM**; evening services begin at **7:00 PM** unless otherwise noted on the church calendar.

The candles need lighting 20 minutes before the service begins. PLEASE BE HERE ON TIME!

January	02	Layla Gibney – Communion
	09	Jacob Heidelberg
	16	Carson King – Communion
	23	Aedan Klawonn
	30	Rylie Lusk – Communion
February	06	Landen McManus – Communion
	13	Addeyson Olinger
	20	Gavin Schneider – Communion
	27	Presley Schneider
March	02	Olerick Welton – Communion (Ash Wednesday)
	06	Rilynn Zillgitt – Communion (First Sunday in Lent)
	09	Olivia Cacho – (Midweek Lent I)
	13	MaKenzie Cacho – (Second Sunday in Lent)
	16	Jeremiah DeGroot – (Midweek Lent II)
	20	Abigail Eppe – Communion (Third Sunday in Lent)
	23	Grace Feige – (Midweek Lent III)
	27	Natalie Feige – (Forth Sunday in Lent)
30	Sophia Fischer – (Midweek Lent IV)	

April **03** CeCe Gibney – **Communion (Fifth Sunday in Lent)**
06 Layla Gibney – **(Midweek Lent V)**
10 Gavin Schneider – **Palm Sunday w/Communion**
14 Aedan Klawonn – **Communion (Maunday Thursday)**
15 Olerick Welton – **(Good Friday)**
17 Rylie Lusk – **Communion (Easter Sunrise Service)**
17 Landen McManus – **Communion Easter Service**
24 Addeyson Olinger – **Confirmation Sunday w/Communion**

May **01** Presley Schneider – **Communion**
08 Jacob Heidelberger
15 Rilynn Zillgett – **Communion**
22 Carson King
29 Olivia Cacho

June **05** MaKenzie Cacho – **Communion**
12 Jeremiah DeGroot
19 Abigail Eppe – **Communion**
26 Natalie Feige

July **03** Sophia Fischer – **Communion**
10 Layla Gibney
17 Jacob Heidelberger – **Communion**
24 Carson King
31 Landen McManus

August **07** Addeyson Olinger – **Communion**
14 Presley Schneider
21 Olerick Welton - **Communion**
28 Rilynn Zillgett

2022 GREETER SCHEDULE

January	02	Dan & Misty Alfson Family; Dakota Alfson – Communion
	09	Jeff & Marlys Arneson; Marsha Ellison
	16	Gaylen & Shirley Backus – Communion
	23	Tyler & Nicole Backus Family
	30	Jesse & Alyssa Baumberger Family – Communion
February	06	Justin & Jenna Baumberger Family – Communion
	13	Tom & Arla Baumberger
	20	Loren & Shirley Zimmer – Communion
	27	David & Krista Beeck
March		
Wed.	02	Josh & Neisha Bjorklund Family – Communion (Ash Wednesday)
	06	Connie & Jeff Brown family; Marryn Brown – Communion
Wed.	09	Russ Claussen; Jessica & Sheldon Foster Family – Midweek Lent I
	13	Ashes & Kayla Dean Family
Wed.	16	Glenn & Gina DeGroot Family; Heidi Huewe – Midweek Lent II
	20	Julie Delfs; Benjamin & Jayden; Samuel; Liz – Communion
Wed.	23	Jim & Jane DeVaney; Doris Limmer – Midweek Lent III
	27	Dale & Kathy Dorow
Wed.	30	Charles & Danielle Eppe Family Midweek Lent IV
April	Wed. 03	Brandon & AnnaLee Fedeler Family – Communion
	06	Scott & Jill Feige Family – Midweek Lent V
	10	Terry & Carol Feldmann - Palm Sunday w/Communion
	Thur. 14	Jason & Meredith Fischer Family – Maundy Thu. w/Communion
	Fri. 15	Jerry & Julie Gehrels – Good Friday Worship
Easter Sun	17	Jon & Danielle Gehrels Family – Sunrise Service w/Communion
Easter	17	Kasey & Lacey Gehrels Family – Communion
	24	Peggy & Bill George – Confirmation Sun. w/Communion
May	01	Leon & Melissa Gerry Family – Communion
	08	Shelia Gerry; Nathan Gerry
	15	Tom & Deb Graff – Communion
	22	Bill & Lori Hanson
	29	Jeff Hanson; Amanda Hanson; Ashley McLaughlin Family – Communion
June	05	Katie & Dave Hantz Family – Communion – Recognition Sunday
	12	Les Heidelberg III; Isaac Heidelberg
	19	Tye Heidelberg Family; Virginia Heidelberg – Communion
	26	Drew & Amy Hemmer family; Jake Hemmer
July	03	Kim & Jeff Hemmer Family; Chase Hemmer – Communion
	10	Dean & Shirley Hess
	17	Randy Hess Family; Emma Hess – Communion
	24	Rollyn & Connie Hess
	31	Dannie Johnson

August **07** Todd & Carmen Keupp – **Communion**
 14 Brant & Amanda Klawonn Family
 21 Dick & Helen Lease - **Communion**
 28 Lee Limmer; Sara Limmer Family; Adam Limmer Family

September **04** Mark & Delorus Limmer – **Communion**
 11 Erik & Lisa Lindholm Family – **Rally Sunday**
 18 Jeremy & Lori Lindholm Family– **Communion**
 25 Loren & Amy Lindholm Family

October **02** Louis & Kassandra Lindholm Family – **Communion**
 09 Mason & Samantha Lindholm Family
 16 Ryan & Stacy Lindholm Family; Alex Henrichs – **Communion**
 23 Ted & Carolyn Lindholm; Jim Lindholm
 30 Marty & Billie Lusk Family – **Reformation Obs. w/Communion**

November **06** Brian & Amanda Maas Family– **All Saints Day Obs. w/Communion**
 13 Gale & Diana Maas; Jarrod Maas
 20 Shawn & Jill Martin; Brett Martin – **Communion**
 Wed. 23 Ryan & Tara McManus Family – **Thanksgiving Eve**
 27 Russ & Kay Mendel; Jackson Mendel – **Communion/1st Sun. in Advent**
 Wed. 30 Eric & Ashley Milbrandt Family - **Midweek Advent I**

December

04 Remington & Mandie Miller Family – **Communion**
 Wed. 07 Brad & Tarri Minor – **Midweek Advent II**
 11 Mindy & Jon Olinger Family – **Communion**
 Wed. 14 Carrol & June Olson; Garrett Olson – **Midweek Advent III**
 18 Kory & Melissa Reck Family
 Wed. 21 Lizzy Reck; Tyler Reck – **Midweek Advent IV**
 Sat. 24 The Elders – Mark Limmer, Kory Reck, Terry Reck, Mike Tammen
 25 Rev. Adam & Kayla Welton family – **Communion**

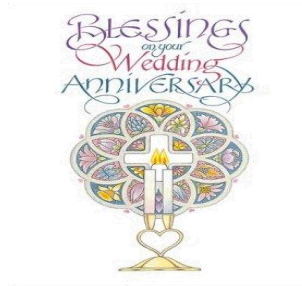
JANUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Addison	Limmer	Jan 1, 2012
Sara	Limmer	Jan 1, 1984
Cade	Fischer	Jan 3, 2016
Jerry	Gehrels	Jan 3, 1960
Rev. Adam	Welton	Jan 3, 1999
Kadyn	Gehrels	Jan 9, 2005
Gale	Maas	Jan 9, 1955
Kaelie	Lindholm	Jan 14, 2007
Parker	Gerry	Jan 15, 2006
Brittyn	Bjorklund	Jan 16, 2016
Mitch	Schneider	Jan 16, 1983
Kai	Hemmer	Jan 20, 2019
Kim	Hemmer	Jan 20, 1963
Jeremiah	Degroot	Jan 24, 2010
Marlys	Arneson	Jan 25, 1959
Justin	Baumberger	Jan 25, 1987
Braeleigh	Dean	Jan 25, 2015
Jacob	Heidelberger	Jan 26, 2020
Jim	Lindholm	Jan 29, 1940
Tyler	Backus	Jan 30, 1994
Noel	Wareham	Jan, 1970



JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Helen	Lease	January 25, 1959
Brian & Amanda	Maas	January 23, 2010



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mitch	Schneider	Jan 2, 1983
Kai	Hemmer	Jan 9, 2019
Rayden	Lindholm	Jan 9, 2004
Parker	Milbrandt	Jan 10, 2020
Braeleigh	Dean	Jan 11, 2015
Jeremiah	DeGroot	Jan 11, 2010
Linus	Backus	Jan 12, 2021
Tyler	Backus	Jan 12, 1994
Emma	Eppe	Jan 15, 2004
Rilynn	Zillgitt	Jan 15, 2009
Jim	Lindholm	Jan 16, 1940
Tracer	Feige	Jan 18, 2013
Rylie	Lusk	Jan 18, 2008
Cameron	Maas	Jan 20, 2014
Les	Heidelberger II	Jan 21, 1943
Delores	Beeck	Jan 22, 1929
Grace	Lindholm	Jan 22, 2008
Reagan	Baumberger	Jan 24, 2020
Lisa	Lindholm	Jan 27, 1979
Liz	Tammen	Jan 28, 1946
Isaac	Heidelberger	Jan 31, 2002
Rick	Yager	Jan 31, 1969

To read the Bible in one year:

SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Date	First Reading	Second Reading
January 1	Luke 1:68-79	Mark 2
January 2	Psalm 30	Mark 3
January 3	Psalm 31	Mark 4
January 4	Psalm 32	Mark 5
January 5	Psalm 33	Mark 6
January 6	Psalm 34	Mark 7
January 7	Psalm 35	Mark 8
January 8	Psalm 36	Mark 9
January 9	Psalm 37	Mark 10
January 10	Psalm 38	Mark 11
January 11	Psalm 39	Mark 12
January 12	Psalm 40	Mark 13
January 13	Psalm 41	Mark 14
January 14	Psalm 42	Mark 15-16
January 15	Psalm 43	Genesis 1-3
January 16	Psalm 44	Genesis 4-6
January 17	Psalm 45	Genesis 7-9
January 18	Psalm 46	Genesis 10-12
January 19	Psalm 47	Genesis 13-15
January 20	Psalm 48	Genesis 16-18
January 21	Psalm 49	Genesis 19-21
January 22	Psalm 50	Genesis 22-24
January 23	Psalm 51	Genesis 25-27
January 24	Psalm 52	Genesis 28-30
January 25	Psalm 53	Genesis 31-33
January 26	Psalm 54	Genesis 34-36
January 27	Psalm 55	Genesis 37-39
January 28	Psalm 56	Genesis 40-42
January 29	Psalm 57	Genesis 43-45
January 30	Psalm 58	Genesis 46-48
January 31	Luke 1:68-79	Genesis 49-50