



## December 2021 Newsletter

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If I asked you who's your favorite fictional Christmas character, who would you choose? It might be a hard question for some of you because you have a number of favorites! Truth is, there are a lot of characters that we hear about and see a lot of during this time of year - from Buddy the Elf to Santa, from the Grinch to Rudolph the Reindeer. Pastor Mike found an online quiz called Which Christmas Character are You? And I got...The Grinch. I'm sure that if my family was to read this they would say - not shocked!

All kidding aside, the truth is just about all of the characters of Christmas we see on TV, in the movies or on the radio are fictional. We even put up nativity scenes with a baby in the manger, wise men and shepherds but sometimes forget that the people in these "stories" are actual people the real Christmas Characters. Which is why it's so important for us to be rooted at this time of year!

This year at 922 we are going to look at the original Characters of Christmas - the people who lived it and were a part of it, the people God chose to be a part of in the arrival of his son. He appeared (or sent an angel) to Mary and Joseph and Zechariah and the shepherds. He caused Elizabeth to be with child. He chose Luke to write a Spirit-inspired Gospel. He chose Theopholius to hear this message.

And you know what you will find in that original cast of characters? God chooses surprising people! God chooses sinners, the well off and the blue collar workers, young and old. He inspired Luke to help the uncertain. He chose the heart-broken, always empty-nested Zechariah and Elizabeth. He sent his Spirit and his angel to Nazareth to a likely impoverished teenage girl and a blue-collar fiancée.

Why did he do that? So that we boast in his grace instead of our own strength!

Which is why this Christmas for our December series at 922 we are going to come back to Luke 1 - 2 and

look at the characters who were a part of that first Christmas. Luke 1 - 2 is non-fiction, historical, biblical and most of all, it's true. And I pray that in doing so that what you find in those characters makes you both love God more and allows you to celebrate what really makes Christmas wonderful - the timeless truth and message the angels shared with the shepherds that first Christmas.

*"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:8-14)*

Pastor Tim Glende



### **Christmas Characters**

Dates: 11/28 thru Christmas Eve

Series Summary: Modern celebrations of Christmas are filled with the classic characters—Santa, Rudolph, and the Elf on the Shelf. The first Christmas was filled with characters too, people that many of us can relate to. When God sent his Son into the world, the story first connected to an old, infertile couple with less than stellar faith, a virgin nobody from nowhere, and some third shift workers from the suburbs of Jerusalem. These details remind us that God always intended his Son to be for all people, since his love is for the whole world.

**Week #1:** Mr. Uncertain — Luke's Gospel begins with a clear reminder that the story of Christmas is more than a story. It is history, verified and recorded by eyewitnesses. The point of that careful research is to help people like Theophilus, and people like us, to be certain of the Christmas promises that we are about to hear. (Luke 1:1-4)

**Week #2:** Mr. Wrinkles — The first Christmas is filled with old people. Luke's main characters include Zechariah, Elizabeth, Anna, and Simeon, wrinkled saints whom God blessed to see, hold, and praise his only Son. These verses remind us that while the world is infatuated with youth and the next generation, our Father values all of his children, even his oldest ones. (Luke 1:5-25)

**Week #3:** Ms. Nobody — In the 21st century, the Virgin Mary is a household name. But in the 1st century, Mary from Nazareth is a nobody, a humble and sometimes hungry girl from the hills of upper Galilee. When Gabriel announced the news to Mary, she was stunned and overwhelmed with joy. So are we. Jesus saves us, fills us, and lifts us up to join him in his Kingdom, a blessing we don't deserve but absolutely enjoy. (Luke 1:26-38, 46-56)

**Week #4:** Mrs. Disgraced — In the 1st century, motherhood was everything. That meant that Elizabeth, old and infertile, had nothing. But God worked a miracle to take away her shame and weave her into the story of the coming Savior. In a similar way, God reaches out to us, in our sin and shame, and offers us the miracle of grace, a connection to the Savior who has already come. (Luke 1:39-45, 57-80)

**Christmas Eve:** Mr. and Ms. Stressed — It doesn't take a Bible scholar to see the amount of stress that preceded the birth of Jesus. Roman occupation. Raised taxes. A mandated journey. Terrible timing. A pregnant fiancé and a steep climb to Bethlehem. No room in the inn. Can you imagine it?! But in the midst of that stress and chaos, Jesus was born. These details are a gripping reminder that God isn't waiting until life is peaceful and perfect to bless us. Instead, he shows up in the middle of personal, political, and relational drama and offers us Jesus, the one sent to save. (Luke 2:1-7)

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE TIMES**

Thursday @ 6:30 pm and  
Sundays 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30 am  
The CORE – Sunday, 10:00 am & 4:00 pm

#### **LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP TIMES**

Sunday's 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:00 am  
Click "Live Stream" on our website or  
Search 922 Ministries on Facebook or YouTube



## Capital Campaign Update - Greater Things 2.0

We wanted to give you an update on the Greater Things 2.0 capital campaign pledges and kick-off gifts that came in on Commitment Sunday, November 14. At this time, we have received a total of **157** commitments from 922 members. As of today, here is where we are at:

(Note: If you planned on making a pledge or giving a one-time kick-off gift, but forgot to bring it last weekend, just bring it to church this weekend, drop it off in the office or send it in the mail. We will update the total as they come in.)

1) One time initial kick-off gifts - These initial gifts given through November 30th will be matched dollar for dollar to help with the down payment for the school expansion project.

Received to date = **\$207,503.00** towards the goal of \$280,000

2) 3-year pledges - Our goal for these was to match the generous gift we received from a member family which will be given over that same time period.

Received to date = **\$677,665.00** towards the goal of \$1,000,000

Obviously, we are off to a great start in reaching our goals! Every kick-off gift and 3-year pledge matters - whether big or small as they help us maximize the matching dollars available and also obtain the needed financing of approx. 6.5 million dollars to make this project a reality.

Which leads me to my ask for those of you who haven't made a commitment yet. I know that for many of our members, resources are tight and the cost of everything is increasing. I also know that it's easy to think that a pledge of an extra \$5 or \$10 a month over the next three years or a \$25 up front gift won't make a difference. Please know that they do matter and will make a difference. The more 922 members who make a pledge (no matter what the amount) will help us in obtaining our financing! Every initial kick-off gift we receive over the next 12 days will get matched \$1 for \$1 until we reach the \$280,000!

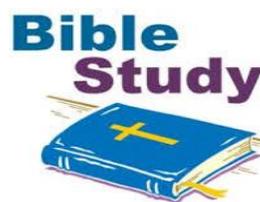
I speak for our entire staff when I say how humbled we are by the generosity of God's people at 922 Ministries. We thank God for all you and your regular offerings that support our ministry and the over and above gifts you have given to this campaign as well as the previous ones. Continue to keep our ministry and this school expansion in your prayers during the days ahead asking that our God who has done great things for us and will do Greater Things in the future!

*Pastor Tim*



Work with our general contractor, Keller, continues as they finalize plans to begin site work in January. They are currently working with their subcontractors to solidify pricing and timelines. As with many items in today's world, material availability and volatility is a concern, but Keller is putting plans in place to mitigate. Keller will have a more detailed project timeline for us by the end of the year. Meanwhile, our team at 922 Ministries has been working to layout the future playground and green space to accommodate the increases in enrollment. Please continue to ask God to bless this work and that it all be done to His glory!

*Nate Paul, COO*



New Bible Class started 11/28 at 9:00 am, Sunday's "My Son My Savior"

This four-week video Bible study looks at Jesus through the eyes of Mary.

Look for more studies to start in January, including one at The CORE. Sign-up for Bible Studies at [stpeter922.com/groups](http://stpeter922.com/groups) or our 922 App or contact Pastor Jim at 739-2009 or [pastorjim@922ministries.com](mailto:pastorjim@922ministries.com) with questions on these Bible Studies.

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[splmembers+subscribe@922ministries.com](mailto:splmembers+subscribe@922ministries.com) OR [coremembers+subscribe@922ministries.com](mailto:coremembers+subscribe@922ministries.com).



We are looking to bring a wonderful Welcome to our Christmas guests this year and could use your help! We are currently in need of greeters & ushers to help during all of our Holiday Services this month. If you are able to help in either of these capacities please contact Maria at [serve@922ministries.com](mailto:serve@922ministries.com)

We still have an urgent need for six more ushers during the 10:30 Service as well as those who can assist with Check-in for Bible Discovery during the 9:00 service.

*Maria Keuschel*, Ministry Engagement Coordinator

### A Wonderful Opportunity for Those at Least 70-½ Years Young:

In December, 2015, the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act was passed. The Act made permanent the IRA charitable rollover, allowing for individuals age 70½ and older to make **tax-free** distributions from individual retirement accounts (IRAs) to a qualified charitable organization. An IRA rollover is a tax-exempt distribution from the donor's IRA.

The amount transferred can be used to meet the donor's required minimum distribution. The treatment continues to be capped at a maximum of \$100,000 per taxpayer each year. Now is a good time of the year for you to talk to your financial advisor and tax professional to further explore the possibility of a gift from your IRA and see how your gift can benefit both donor and recipient!

### Check Out Our New Family Resources Webpage!

Check out our new [Family Resource page](#) to help encourage our families to dig more into the Word. At 922 Ministries, we believe faith is home grown and to have recommended resources easily accessible for your various seasons of family life is the least we could do. Take a look at: [922ministries.com/familyresources](http://922ministries.com/familyresources) and start building a plan today!

### MEDITATIONS & FORWARD IN CHRIST

The latest editions of "Meditations" & "Forward in Christ" are available for you at the Welcome Center or office. These are great personal resources for spiritual growth, containing devotional content and practical advice for Christian living.

*Time of Grace* literature is also available in a new display on the wall by Information Center.

### Special birthday wishes to the following members who are 70+ years this month!!

- Karl Seiltz (12/02)
- Karen Sengstock (12/02)
- Barb Schwab (12/06)
- Bruce Lillge (12/07)
- Den Forbeck (12/09)
- Butch Schmidt (12/11)
- Dorothy Glaser (12/11)
- Lynette Buss (12/14)
- Gerda Kuba (12/15)
- Martin Duccini (12/18)
- Ron Springstroh (12/19)
- Marvin Springstroh (12/20)
- Neita Falk (12/24)
- Dick Van Vreede (12/27)
- Bill Kietz (12/31)

Enjoy a  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
and a sweet day  
**BLESSED BY GOD**



### Ladies Advent by Candlelight

This event will be held at The CORE on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm (doors to the worship area will open at 1:20 pm).

We are filled to capacity, but if you'd like to watch, this event will be live streamed at: <https://922ministries.com/livestream>.

Reminder: If you are attending this event and are willing & able, bring along (brand new) bath towels and/or women's pajamas sizes sm. & med. and boys & girls pajamas sizes 3T – 16 to benefit *Harbor House Domestic Abuse*. Those who donate will be entered for a chance to win a handmade quilt!



Reminder: The LEAVEN gift boxes will need to be back to church by **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Place them to the left of the fireplace.



### pillars

There is a "Giving Tree" to benefit *Pillars* set up in the Gathering Area with ornaments stating different gifts that can be purchased for the homeless thru December 12<sup>th</sup>. Gifts will need to be returned to St. Peter **no later than December 19<sup>th</sup>**, when the shelter will be distributing the gifts to those in need.

**Live Streaming Worship Times**  
Sunday's 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 3:30 pm  
10:00 am Service at The CORE  
Search 922 Ministries on Facebook or YouTube



- Advent Service: Wed., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> @ SPL – 6:30 pm
- Bible Discovery Christmas during 10:30 Service at SPL – Dec. 19
- CDS Christmas Service: Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> @ FVL–6:30 pm

### Christmas Services:

- Dec. 23 @ SPL – 6:30 (Contemporary)(livestreamed)
- December 24: 11:00 & 1:00 (contemporary) 3:00pm (livestreamed) & 5:00pm (both traditional)  
The CORE: 4:00 (livestreamed) & 6:00 pm
- Saturday, 12/25 @ SPL – 9:00 am
- Sunday, 12/26 @ SPL – 7:30 (Traditional)  
NOTE: No 9:00 or 10:30 am services at SPL  
The CORE: 10:00 am & 4:00 pm both will be Q&A Sunday services



The next Pantry collection is December 12<sup>th</sup>. They currently are in need of: Healthier cereals (plain oat, honey oat, rice, Total™, Special K®, etc), boxed potato side dishes, boxed mashed potatoes peanut butter, jam/jelly, adult toothbrushes, bath tissue, facial tissue, napkins, paper towel.

Please remember the pantry cannot accept expired, used or dented items. They want to thank everyone for a great 2021. They were very blessed with your support.

Please bring your pantry items and monetary donations to the office between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday-Friday or to the church kitchen before worship services. Monetary donations can also be placed in the box on the counter in the church kitchen. These are used to purchase gift cards to be given to families to purchase perishable items. Please make your checks payable to: *Apple Valley Food Pantry*.



Being at peace with yourself is a direct result of finding peace with God.

*“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

(Philippians 4:7)

### Request for New College or Military Addresses

If your child has entered college or the military and has a change of address, we would appreciate this information so we can keep in touch with them. If possible, we would also like their email address to keep them up-to-date on what’s going on at 922 Ministries. Please send this information to: [gloria.plamann@922ministries.com](mailto:gloria.plamann@922ministries.com) or call the office at 739-2009.



### Musicians needed!

We could use more musicians to join the 922 Worship Team! If you have a gift in this area, mark your interest on a Communication Card on Sunday, or email [jonathan.favorite@922ministries.com](mailto:jonathan.favorite@922ministries.com).

### Church/School Office Hours

Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Christmas Break Hours: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm  
(Closed 12/24 & 12/31)  
Phone #: 739-2009 The CORE #: 364-0200



### Ladies Quilting Ministry

The St. Peter Quilting ministry is one that touches many people. Every new baby that becomes a part of our church family receives a quilt, as do members and friends who are homebound, in the hospital or facing treatments for cancer and other illnesses. You don't have to know how to sew, you can be taught different things that can help. This group will meet each Thursday 8:30-11:30 am in the room upstairs in the 1910 Centre (historic school building across from the church). If you're interested in helping the quilting ministry in any way, please contact Karen Peters at 739-2924.

Did you know? This ministry has also made quilts for ThedaCare Medical Center Veterans and Apricity Recovery Support. We thank these ladies for all their hard work put into these wonderful gifts.



### Remembering Our Homebound Members

Please see enclosed list of the members of St. Peter that are homebound. If you would like to send them a card for the Christmas season, it would be much appreciated!



### Card Making Ministry

Join the fun in making greeting cards for our homebound members, those in the hospital, new babies, etc. This group meets every second Tuesday of the month in the 1910 Centre (the old building located across the street from the new church) at 6:30 pm. Everything is supplied! Just bring yourself. The next meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup> which will be a “Make & Take” night and will NOT be meeting in January. Any questions? Please don't hesitate to call Luella Kietz at (920) 731-1650.

**Kingdom Workers** is hiring a Foster Support Coordinator. Know someone (maybe yourself?) who wants to serve foster families?

The Foster Support Coordinator will report to the US Foster Program Lead. The responsibilities of this role include (but are not limited to) recruiting, training, and engaging Foster Care Support volunteers. The Foster Support Coordinator will build strong relationships with foster agencies in communities around the US to connect volunteers with foster families. This work will be done across the US with a key focus on growth in the Milwaukee, WI area in the next two years. To learn more, visit <https://kingdomworkers.com/careers/us-foster-support-coordinator/>.



Join Pastor Mike Novotny for *Time of Grace*, a 30-minute Bible study program. The program airs globally via various outlets. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit [timeofgrace.org/waystowatch](http://timeofgrace.org/waystowatch) or call the Time of Grace office at 800.661.3311.

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**Over the Air—Local Channels**

WGBA—Sunday, 6:30 a.m.

**National Cable and Satellite Channels**

Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN)--Thursdays at 3:30 pm

Freeform - Thursdays at 5:30 a.m.

The Cowboy Channel (Family Net) Sunday 8:00 a.m.

American Forces Network (AFN) – Spectrum, Sunday at 7:00 pm

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*Please note that we invite people to speak with any of these men listed above, if you have any questions at any time.*



# 922 MINISTRIES

## Director of Operations Report – December 2021

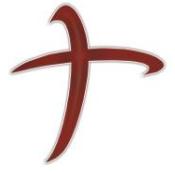
- 1) Welcome to the season of preparation for the birth of our Savior. Yes, it is true that December can be viewed as the crazy busy season. Let's not forget that we do have some control over how crazy and how busy our season becomes. I just want to give gentle, positive reinforcement that we all need to pause at the manger and take some time to be awed, inspired and thankful as the shepherds were, for that great gift that changed eternity for so many of us. In the season of gifts and gift giving, let us all be eternally thankful for the best gift of all.
- 2) Joel Weeks continues to finish off the mezzanine storage area above the locker rooms. This was a project that Builders for Christ gave us some assistance with this past summer, and it just requires some finishing touches. We thank Joel for his diligence and perseverance in completing this work. The goal is to get it finished while all the Christmas decorations are being used throughout the building, so when this holiday season is over, they can be returned to that area and arranged in the best way possible.
- 3) Kudos to the office staff for their great work in processing all the pledges and gifts that have come in for the Greater Things 2.0 capital campaign. We are so blessed to have so many faithful and generous givers in our church family, and getting all the contribution information organized is no small task and we are very thankful for all that went into making that process such a huge blessing for 922 Ministries.
- 4) During the week before Thanksgiving, we held a meeting with the maintenance/custodial staff to make sure that we are all on the same page regarding events and coverage for all the upcoming holiday events. I want to make sure that everyone is aware that even though we may not be talking about the pandemic as much anymore, that cleaning and hygiene protocols are still maintained to make sure that all of our facilities are as safe and user friendly as possible. We aren't cutting back on anything, and we are not cutting corners. Sometimes, when necessary, our efforts are increased and added precautions are employed as we see fit.
- 5) A Safety and Security team for 922 Ministries is being organized. We are blessed to have a number of active and retired law enforcement people in our midst, and we are using their expertise to guide us in putting some protocols in place that will help to make all of our facilities safer and more secure, at both of our campuses. The initial meeting of the group will have taken place in late November.
- 6) With the planning for the building project going forward, we are also looking into enhancing some of our building security with more security cameras to provide safety surveillance in all areas of our St. Peter campus. The CORE is very well covered since their renovation was completed last year, and we are investigating ways to make all of the St. Peter campus secure as well.

*Tom Dietzler*



# Youth and Family Ministry

## December 2021



What's going on with Youth Ministry at 922?

The Fall Season has brought the return of in person children's programming at 922 Ministries. Swing by the cafeteria at St. Peter or the children's wing at The CORE on a Sunday Morning. It's hard not to crack a smile. You're likely to hear singing and laughing as children of all ages engage with adults who volunteer their time to serve. Wednesday evenings have been filled with middle school and high school students being instructed in the Word of God and enjoying time together.

The mindsets, interests, and experiences of all these age groups are all so unique from one program to the next, but the unity in faith is unmistakable. Take a picture of these ministries in action and you have a wonderful tangible picture of the body of Christ.

*"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."  
(Romans 12:4-5)*

### **922 Teens**

Numbers: Over 30 students participated during the fall season

Who: Freshman to Seniors in high school

What: weekly dedicated time to doing life together and to studying God's Word

### **Bible Discovery**

Numbers: average weekly attendance of 89 students

Who: 3K - 4th grade, over 10 volunteer teachers and aids

What: volunteer led crafts, songs, activities and storytelling dedicated to nurturing young faith

### **Bible Foundations**

Numbers: Over 20 students enrolled!

Who: 10-12 year olds and their parents

What: survey of bible history, which models family devotions

### **CORE Kids**

Numbers: average weekly attendance of 13 students

Who: Children ages 1-4

What: volunteer led crafts, songs, and stories aimed at members and guests to enrich the worship experience

### **Confirmation**

Numbers: Over 80 students enrolled!

Who: 11-13 year olds

What: thorough study of Christian Doctrine with the aim of becoming members of the church

*Matthew Werner*  
Youth Discipleship Director



ST. PETER LUTHERAN SCHOOL



SCHOOL NEWS  
DECEMBER 2021

The second quarter of school is well underway, and Christmas Service preparations are happening all across the building! We hope that you will be able to join us for our annual School Christmas Service on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. The service will once again be held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School and will begin at 6:30 p.m. We are looking forward to celebrating our Savior's birth all together once again! If you are not able to attend in person, we will be live streaming the service via the Fox Valley Lutheran High School YouTube Channel.

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In October, we extended calls to Mrs. Lori Monday and Mrs. Gena Hayes to serve as First Grade teachers starting in the 2022-2023 school year. After prayerful consideration, both Lori and Gena have accepted these calls, and will be filling these roles. We give thanks for the many years of faithful service of our current First Grade teacher, Mrs. Rachel Freiburger. Mrs. Freiburger will be retiring at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. We praise God for her continued dedication to the public ministry!

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Activities Update:

On October 29-31, the St. Peter Comets volleyball A-team competed at the Lutheran Sports Association of Wisconsin State Championships. The Comets went undefeated and brought home our school's first ever State Championship! Congratulations to the players and coaches on this wonderful accomplishment!

On November 19, students from St. Peter won the FVL 7th and 8th grade Math Bowl! The team consisting of Gavin Haessly, Nolan Werner, Gabe Heiges, and Luke Springstroh won the team competition, while Adam Erdmann and Luke Springstroh finished in first and second place in the individual competition. Congratulations to all of our Comet Math Bowl teams on a great night!

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Thank you to all who attended and supported the second annual St. Peter Soiree! Through the generous donations of our wonderful extended community, we were able to raise over \$40,000 for our school. This event raises funds to improve and expand our learning opportunities happening both inside and outside of the classroom. This dinner auction event is a great way for our community to connect and work together to support our students as they grow in God's grace. Great fun was had by all, and we are looking forward to planning the next event in 2022!

*Jarrod Pfarr*  
Assistant Principal

Assisting Parents in Providing an Exceptional Christ-centered Education!

## Light in the Darkness - DECEMBER 2021

“In [Jesus] was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:4-5

Recently, my son took his aging 2007 SUV to the shop for repairs. They gave him the same model 2021 SUV as a loaner while they repaired it. They're not stupid. He texted, “You don't realize how much tech you're missing until driving something crazy like this!”

A similar principle applies to many people all around us. They haven't yet seen the love of God in Christ Jesus. They haven't walked in his light. They haven't experienced his peace that passes understanding. They don't know the comfort of sins forgiven or the joy of knowing God's favor. They don't have the hope of eternal life – that this broken world is not the final word. They literally don't know how much they're missing!

Meanwhile, we Christians “drive” in these luxuries every day. Do we become so comfortable in God's grace that we lose the “amazing” part? Over time, does God's love and favor in Christ become self-evident and common to us?

*Every day*, we see people living in the midst of unimaginable spiritual tragedy. They live in darkness, apart from God. The life and light of the world is *right there*, but standing in the dark, they simply can't see him. They're not asking you about the light because they literally have not seen it so have no awareness of it.

This Christmas season, will you take someone by the hand and lead them into the light of Jesus? Of all the gifts you could give, of all the needs you could meet, this one far surpasses them all. “[John the Baptist] came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe” (John 1:7).

Can you imagine if all of us “testified concerning the light” this Christmas? Who do you know that doesn't go to church? Will you invite them? Let's show people the light of the world that they may see his glory, grace, and truth!

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# St. Peter Lutheran Church

# December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Please Note:</b> The CORE celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first and third Sunday of each month.</p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Bible Foundations – 5:30pm Conf Class – 6:45pm</p> <p>Christian Recovery – 6:30pm @ CORE</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Early Bird Class-6:30am Children's Chapel – 8:30am Quilting – 8:30am Worship – 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b>Ladies Advent by Candlelight – 2pm @ The CORE – Doors open at 1:20pm (livestreamed)</p>
<p><b>5</b> Worship – 7:30; 9 &amp; 10:30am Bible Class – 9am Bible Class -10:15am (online) Bible Discovery – 9am CORE – 10am &amp; 4pm CORE Kids – 10 am</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Board of Education Meeting—6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Communion – 10 am (masks required)  Advent Worship – 6:30pm @ St. Peter</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Early Bird Class-6:30am Children's Chapel – 8:30am Quilting – 8:30am Worship – 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30; 9 &amp; 10:30am Bible Class – 9am Bible Discovery - 9:25am Bible Class -10:15am (online) CORE – 10am &amp; 4pm CORE Kids – 10 am</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Brewster Village – 9:45am Bible Class – 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Pastor Circuit Mtg. – 8am – 1 pm  Card Making – 6:30pm (1910 Centre)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Country Villa – 9:45am  Bible Foundations – 5:30pm Conf Class – 6:45pm Christian Recovery – 6:30pm @ CORE</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Early Bird Class-6:30am Children's Chapel – 8:30am Quilting – 8:30am Worship – 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Men's Open Gym- 7:15am</p>
<p><b>19</b> Worship – 7:30; 9 &amp; 10:30am Bible Class – 9am Bible Class -10:15am (online) Bible Discovery – 9am CORE – 10am &amp; 4pm CORE Kids – 10 am Bible Discovery Christmas Program – 10:30am</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Leadership Mtg. – 5:30pm  Bible Class – 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>CDS Christmas Program @FVL – 6:30pm (livestreamed)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Communion – 10 am (masks required) Christmas Break begins for 5K-8 (Dismissal 12:10pm)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Christmas Break begins for Early Childhood Ministry (ECM) Christmas Eve Eve Worship Service – 6:30pm (Contemporary &amp; Livestreamed)</p>	<p><b>24</b>Worship @St. Peter – 11am – 1pm(Contemporary) 3pm &amp; 5pm (Traditional) (3pm Livestreamed) Worship @ The CORE – 4pm &amp; 6pm (4 pm Livestreamed)  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Worship – 9am @ St. Peter  MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30am @ St. Peter CORE – 10am &amp; 4pm NO 9 &amp; 10:30am services</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Bible Class – 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>NO Worship Service  HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE!</p>	