

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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- TODAY:** 10:15 Special Coffee Hour & Bake Sale
(Special Christmas Display)
10:15-11:00 Sunday School Program Practice
- MONDAY:** 7:00 Breakfast Bible Conversations @ Machine Shed
9:00-12:00 Quilters
- TUESDAY:** 10:00 "Basics of Faith" Bible Study
6:00 Board of Education
6:30 Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 5:00-6:15 Advent Supper
6:30 Advent Midweek Worship Service
- THURSDAY:** 6:30 Praise Team Practice
- FRIDAY:** 1:30-3:30 Work @ Second Harvest Heartland
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 Contemporary Service with Communion
10:15-11:00 Sunday School Program Practice
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class
11:00 Elders' Meeting

If you would like to include the needs of a sick relative or friend in our weekly Prayer Page, call the church office at (651) 436-3357, or submit the request via E-mail: stpeter@stpeterafton.org by Wednesday afternoon. Prayer requests will be kept on our list for two months unless otherwise requested.

HEARING ASSISTANCE RADIOS are available in the narthex. Please see an usher. Turn to 97.8 or 98.0 for the best reception.

CUSHIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. You may leave them in the pews after the worship service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are placed to the glory of God on the occasion of Jon & Laura Nelson's 15th Wedding Anniversary.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENT: The St. Peter choir is leading the worship service TODAY with special music for the Christmas season. Please stay for fellowship time after the service, as **Holiday treats will be served** and **S.P.L.C.W. Bake Sale** will have goodies you can purchase to take home with you. We also are having a **"What Makes Christmas Special" Display**.

SERMON TOPIC & TEXT ON WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M. MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE: "Waiting for the Morning" (Lamentations 3:18-26) (*Acolyte: Lucas Oberdeck; Greeter: Eunice Kanning*)

BASICS OF FAITH” BIBLE STUDY: Bible Breakfast Conversations (Monday 7:00 a.m.) at the Machine Shed, Lake Elmo; Tuesday Bible Class at church (10:00-11:00 a.m.). This week’s topic: Lesson 12 “Too Good to Be True” (We learn about SALVATION.)

NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS TODAY due to the Choir-led worship service and extended fellowship afterwards.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.: COFFEE HOST: Ryan Bernath; **USHERS:** Grant Fritsche, Elder; Virgil Polinske; Marv Durow; John Schmidt; Pete Lind; **READER:** Sharon Wellner; **ACOLYTE:** Charlie Veith; **GREETERS:** Steve & Sharon Wellner.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE WITH COMMUNION will be on Sunday, December 18th - 9:00 a.m. Practice times are TODAY and next Sunday, December 11th, during Sunday School; Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 17th, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Questions, see Tony Engen or Laura Nelson.

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND - We will work a shift at Second Harvest Heartland on December 9th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Cheryl Schmidt.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN DECEMBER. Everyone is welcome to join us to go caroling to area Care Centers and some members’ homes on FRIDAY, December 16th, 10:00 a.m. (Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee!) (*Disregard date in December Newsletter.*)

WE WILL HAVE AN ELDERS’ MEETING next Sunday, December 11th, at 11:00 a.m. Newly elected Elders are invited too!

ADVENT SUPPER will be served this Wednesday in the Parish Hall before the Advent service from 5:00-6:15 p.m. Chicken Noodle Soup by Beth Kroening. S.P.L.C.W. Group 4 is serving. Callers are asked to have 5 workers and 5 pans of bars. A donation of \$5.00 per person is the suggested price to meet the expenses. Any excess money will be used towards the Kitchen Fund. Salad, bars, peanut butter and jelly, bread, milk and coffee will also be available. Any questions, please call Sharon Wellner, Soup Supper Coordinator.

THANK YOU to all for your generous food donations to the Valley Outreach Food Shelf. The total so far for 2016 is 195 pounds of food. Your concern and support of others in our community helped many families. The week of October 31st, St. Peter volunteered 25.5 hours, 49 households were served and 5,669 pounds of food was distributed! Thank you! Also thanks to the volunteers who worked and gave of their time this past year. Please continue to give, as you are able, to this worthwhile cause. – Dawn Plunkett, Valley Outreach Food Shelf Coordinator.

FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM on Sunday December 18th, we invite and encourage everyone to **bring a plate of treats to share during the coffee hour!** The children are working hard to prepare for the program and after the service we would like to celebrate them and the wonderful Christmas Season! Please bring the treats to the kitchen before the service. Coffee and punch will also be served! Thank you!

YOUTH LOCK-IN - Does a night of pizza, bowling, games, movies, and worship sound like an awesome time to you? Well then, if you're in **5th through 12th grade**, you need to come to the Youth Lock-in!! **The fun begins Wednesday December 28th at 6:00 p.m. and goes to the 29th at 8:00 a.m.** We will start off with pizza at the church at 6:00 p.m., followed by a trip to PINZ to go bowling, and then head back to church for an all-nighter of games, movies, and worship. Bring a snack to share with everyone and your friends are more than welcome to come!! Make sure to sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we know how much pizza to get and how many bowling lanes we need. If you have any questions, talk to DCE Tony Engen.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be taking some time off and will not meet again until Tuesday, January 10th, at 7:00 p.m.

2017 SHEETS FOR COFFEE HOSTS, READERS, GREETERS, AND FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are in the book on the kiosk.