

December 2, 2018 Ad Te Levavi: Advent I

The phrase “Ad Te Levavi” is from the Latin language. In English it means “To You I lift up.” These are the beginning words of the Introit this week. During Advent the “Gloria In Excelsis” and “This Is the Feast” are omitted.

THURSDAY: Order of Service: Page 184

7:00 pm Hymns: 331—332—516/341—357 (Stanzas 1-2)

SUNDAY: Order of Service: Page 184

8:00 & 10:30 am Hymns: 331—332—516/341—357 (Stanzas 1-2)

The Sermon: “A Righteous Branch”

Jeremiah 23:5-8

△ Whenever this symbol appears at the beginning of a hymn stanza, please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: After each petition, the pastor will pray, “Lord, in Your mercy,” and the congregation will respond with **“HEAR OUR PRAYER.”**

LET US PRAY Almighty Lord God, who has by Your grace this day permitted us to enter a new church year, we beseech You, grant unto Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You, and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PULSE OF THE CHURCH (Attendance)

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 167

Thanksgiving Attendance: 48

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Total This Year</u>
Last Week’s Offerings:	\$ 5,150.75	\$ 296,241.54
Other Receipts:	1,000.00	14,544.68
Total 2018 Receipts:	6,150.75	310,786.47
Weekly Budget:	6,538.00	307,286.00
Compared to Budget:	— 387.25	+ 3,500.22

Matthew 21:3 “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it,” and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life—in our homes, in the Church, and in our communities. In each calling we have good

works to do and that comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by LuAnn Himebauch in loving memory of her mother, Sadie Dunham.

ELDERS

Thur 7 pm: Warren Majchrzak
Sun 8am: Jeff Schmittinger
10:30am: Andrew Peterson

ACOLYTES

Ella Breien, Jacob Gilgenbach
Lacey Meyers, Jack Morawetz

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today (2) Divine Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am
 Sunday School 9:10 am
 Bible Classes 9:15 am
 "The Six Days of Creation" movie & lunch 11:45 am
Monday (3) Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
 Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Board of Evangelism 6:30 pm
Tuesday (4) Men's Bible Study 9:00 am
Wednesday (5) Advent Divine Worship Service 7:00 pm
Thursday (6) Ladies Aid 12:00 noon
Sunday (9) Divine Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am
 Sunday School 9:10 am
 Bible Classes 9:15 am

GREETINGS FROM ST PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND RAINBOW PRESCHOOL!

We join our Lord Jesus Christ in welcoming you to His House for this Divine Celebration of His Word and Sacraments. We are happy that you are here to worship Him with us today. For the latest news & information about St. Peter's Lutheran Church visit our website!! www.stpeterswaterford.com

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.

HEARING ASSISTANCE Portable listening devices are available. Please see an Elder or Usher to assist you.

LADIES AID DECEMBER MEETING is Thursday, December 6th at noon. Invitation to all ladies to join us for potluck. Bible Study with Pastor Conradt, missionary news, then Bingo. Because of weather/cancellation, let Winnie Shelton know if you plan to come.
Email: dgshelton@wi.rr.com or call: 262-642-5465.

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH — **Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church: Homeless Outreach.** Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Milwaukee has requested assistance in their outreach work to the homeless throughout the city. Bethany is open during very harsh weather conditions to offer food/meals, an emergency temporary shelter to individuals and families with children through the help of the Red Cross. Please consider sending to Bethany - food baskets, blankets, pillows, mattresses, gloves, coats, clothes, hats, sweaters, socks, shoes, towels, lotions, toilet rolls, napkins, hygiene package, etc. We, here at St. Peter's, are accepting monetary gifts as always. If you would like to instead donate the items listed you may do that as well. Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, 2031 N. 38th St, Milwaukee, WI 53208-1862, Pastor Christian Ikanih.

DECORATING THE CHURCH We will decorate the church on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:00 pm. All help is welcome and is greatly appreciated - adults, children, bring the whole family!

RAINBOW PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Wednesday, December 12th at 4:00 pm. Light snack will be provided afterwards in the parish hall. All are welcome!

THE ST. PETER'S BOARD OF EVANGELISM is placing an order for "**Armor of God**" Lapel pins. The cost will be **\$4.00** each. If interested, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Money for the pins will be collected after the pins arrive. We can pray, such as: "Dear God, Today we put on your full armor. Forgive us God for the times we've been unprepared, too busy to care, or trying to fight and wrestle in our own strength. Thank you that we never fight alone, for You are constantly at work on our behalf. We believe your power protects us, and we trust In the powerful name of Jesus. You are always shielding, protecting, strengthening, exposing deeds of darkness, bringing to light what needs to be known, covering us from the cruel attacks we face even when we're unaware. We thank you that we are forgiven, set free and saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. -Amen."

ANNUAL WINTER APPAREL DRIVE The Board of Social Ministry has begun our annual winter apparel drive to benefit Love, Inc. and the sweater and afghan drive to help our veterans. We are collecting GENTLY used items. Again this year, please place items for both drives in the same box located in the narthex (we will sort & deliver). Thank you for your continued support in these efforts!

FISH (and chicken) FRY FRIDAY - Christmas Version!! – Friday, December 14th , 6:00 pm at Marty's Fiesta Hall

Mark your calendar for the December Fish/Chicken Fry. Please join us for **fish and chicken, french fries and potato pancakes, cole slaw, tossed green salad, bread, and dessert.**

The price of \$13.65 (tip extra) includes beverages such as coffee, soda, milk, iced tea. Children under 5 are free, ages 5-10 - \$6.85. There is a cash bar for those who enjoy an adult beverage.

We will play **Christmas Bingo**...Please bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift, marked for either man or woman or child, which will be used as prizes for Bingo.

Everyone is welcome! Come out and join us for a casual and fun evening. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet by Dec. 9th, although if a last minute change in your schedule allows you to come, just let us know so we can update numbers for Marty's.

Any questions or last-minute sign-ups, contact Lori or Pastor B.

THE BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY is seeking donated items for the annual "*Christmas With the Vets Holiday Show.*" A list of the items sought is on the collection box in the narthex (by the glass display case). Your support is greatly appreciated! Please place your **NEW** items in the box. Deadline is **TODAY**. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? Do your shopping at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to St. Peter's. You can increase St. Peter's donation potential by spreading the word about **AmazonSmile**. Sign in to <http://org.amazon.com> and choose to support St. Peter's Church and Rainbow Preschool. To date we have received **\$349.11**.

THE SENIOR, CHILDREN'S, AND HANDBELL CHOIRS of St. John's Lutheran Church, 1501 Erie St. in Racine, invite you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9th at 7:00 pm. Pre-concert music beginning at 6:45 will feature guest organist Fredrik M. Bach. All in attendance are invited to a reception following the concert in the school cafeteria.