

Announcements

Sunday, December 30

No Bible Class
9 am Worship

Monday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

4 pm & 7 pm Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

No Worship Service
No School
No Bible Class

Wednesday, January 2 – No School

Thursday, January 3 – School Resumes

9:30 am Ladies Aid at Linda Haberman's

Friday, January 4

Saturday, January 5

4:30 pm Worship

Sunday, January 6

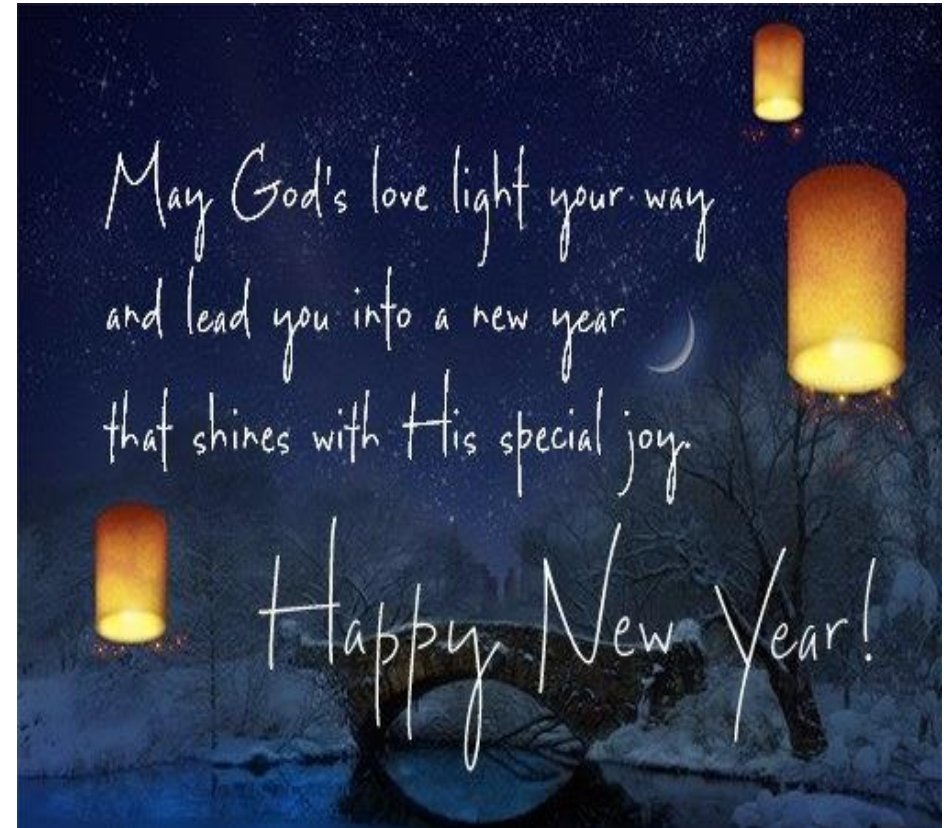
8 am Bible Class
9 am Worship
1 pm Piano Recital at School

Lutheran Vanguard Marching Band

Lutheran Vanguard marching band's PREVIEW will be held January 5 from noon-5:00 at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton. Vanguard is still recruiting for wind instruments, all percussion (including keyboards), and color guard dancers. Please join us for PREVIEW to see what joys are in store! For more info visit www.lutheranvanguard.org or email LVMarchingband@gmail.com.

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

New Year's Eve - December 31st, 2018



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We Welcome You!

As we begin a new year we thank God for every blessing he has bestowed upon us this past year. We ask him for his continued blessing in the year to come and pray that he guide us with his word and protect us from all harm. Be with us Lord in this new year as you have been with us our whole lives.

Opening Hymn: 484 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

Please Stand

Invocation

L: We gather at the end of one year and the beginning of another to worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Confession of Sins

L: Before we can receive forgiveness, it is important that we confess our sins before God. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God by examining our everyday life during this previous year in light of the Ten Commandments.

C: He is the God who made us, who redeemed us, who calls us to be holy, who has given us his Holy Word:

L: You shall have no other gods.

C: We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

L: You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use it superstitiously, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

L: Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

L: Honor your Father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve and obey them, and give them love and respect.

L: You shall not murder

C: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and be a friend to him in every bodily need.

L: You shall not commit adultery.

C: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in

words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

L: You shall not steal.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business.

L: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

L: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or obtain it by false claims but do all we can to help him keep it.

L: You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse or workers or animals or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away from our neighbor their spouse, workers or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

L: God has commanded that we keep these commandments perfectly. All of us have broken these commandments by what we've done and by what we haven't done. All of us have broken these commandments in our actions, in our words and even in our thoughts. Confess your sin before God:

C: I am a poor sinner. I confess to God that I am guilty of many sins. But am truly sorry for these sins and plead that God be merciful to me.

(moment of silence for private reflection and confession)

L: You have made this confession. I now assure you that because of Jesus' perfect life and innocent death, the Lord has forgiven your sins and remembers them no more. And so by the authority given to me by our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen

Be Seated

God's Word For A New Year!

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 17:1-8 (*God made an everlasting covenant with Abram – and not just with Abram, but with us, too. God promises that he will be our God forever and ever, and we will enjoy the status of being his people.*)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. ²I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” ³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. ⁸The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 2:4-10 (*Peter reminds us of our status as members of God's holy Church – the Church that is built upon the solid rock, Jesus Christ.*)

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” ⁸ and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Please Stand

Gospel Matthew 4:18-22 (*Here Jesus calls his first disciples and tells them that they will now be “fishers of men.” That’s a responsibility and a privilege that we all share as members of God’s Church.*)

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day: 75 Father Let Me Dedicate

Sermon:

A New Year's Resolution

Offering: (*Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.*)

Prayer of the Church:

Please Stand

L: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

C: Every day I will praise you and extol your name.

L: It is fitting, O Lord, in the final hours of this year, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.

C: You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.

L: You clothe your creation with beauty; you feed even the birds and tell us that we are much more valuable than they.

C: You know what we need, and you give us all good things.

L: Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself – all these come to us from your generous hand.

C: We thank you for these blessings, and we ask that you continue to grant them to us.

L: We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation, and equip us for service.

C: Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

L: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal God, you have been gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. As you led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory and be prepared to die in your peace.

C: We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we began this year; in his name we bring it to a close. Amen.

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution:

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

Distribution Hymn: 588 Abide with Me

Closing Prayer:

L: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing:

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: 441 O God Our Help in Ages Past