

JANUARY 12, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

# THE GATEKEEPER'S RECORD

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## This Week

### **SUN 1/12**

Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

Special Congregational Meeting

Following worship today

No Sunday School Today

Deadline for submission of Annual

Reports for 2019

### **TUES 1/14**

Confirmation 6:30 p.m.

7th Grade Classroom

### **WED 1/15**

Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Church Meeting Room

### **THURS 1/16**

St. Peter's Seniors Noon

Soliday's

## Next Week

### **SUN 1/19**

Worship Services

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Youth Group Tubing Event

1:30 p.m.

### **MON 1/20**

Annual Congregational Meeting

7:30 p.m.

### **TUES 1/21**

Quilting 9:00 a.m.

Confirmation 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

## HERE AND NOW AT ST. PETER'S

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** – The next coffee hour is on January 26. Please consider signing up to host. It's very much appreciated by all who stop by for some conversation and goodies!!!

**MEAT RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE** - Admission tickets for the 2020 Meat Raffle to benefit St. Peter's Lutheran School on Saturday, February 8, are now available! Single tickets are \$8 or reserve a table for 10 for \$70. Tickets will be sold after the meeting today and between services on January 19, 26 and February 2. You can also call/text Derek Hiddie at 716-628-0661 for tickets.

**2019 ANNUAL REPORTS**—The deadline for submitting annual reports for 2019 is today. If you haven't done so already, please submit your report to Ruth Pirinelli. Thank you for your service to the congregation in 2019!

**A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today. There is no Sunday School today to allow all members to attend this meeting. This special meeting is being called at the request of 18 members who have signed a petition, and this request has been done in accordance with our Church constitution. The main purpose of the meeting will be to revisit the TV Monitor – Projection vote and decision as it is felt by the petitioners that there was not a large enough representation of the congregation at the Monday night meeting this summer when the decision was made to proceed with TV monitors. The petitioners feel that we will have a larger number of members participate if we have this meeting following a single service on a Sunday morning, and the petition has specifically asked for the meeting to be scheduled in this way. Council discussed the timing request and feels that it is in the best interest of the congregation to honor this requested approach for this special meeting. Council is asking all members to make your best effort to attend this one service and meeting so everyone's input can be taken into account. The specific meeting agenda items requested by the petition are as follows:

1. The use of video or not
2. Type of video (TV monitor wall mounted vs. projection)
3. Placement of equipment (one or both sides of the front of church, including ceiling if projection is preferred)
4. Alternate Sunday use
5. Requiring that any and all annual or semi-annual congregational meetings be held on a one-service Sunday

Since this decision will be revisited, Council is suspending fund raising for the TV monitors. As of Sunday, November 10, we have raised approximately \$5,700 toward this project. We have also been working on planning its implementation and have a new estimate of \$6,000 to complete the project as currently directed by the previous meeting vote. If the decision changes and you have donated to the TV monitors, you will be given the opportunity to redirect your donation or to be refunded.

**SPECIAL MEETING (1/12) BABYSITTING AVAILABLE**—Since there is no Sunday School today to allow everyone to participate in the meeting,

**IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS!**

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS**

ATTENDANCE	CURRENT GIVING	NEEDED EACH WEEK	OVER/SHORT
1/1/2020 38	\$ 129		
1/5/2020 124	\$4,003	\$5,880.62	-\$1,877.62

arrangements have been made to provide babysitting services in the church meeting room at that time. Megan Devantier, Cory Walck, Chloe Zimmerman and Evelyn Zimmerman (Youth Group Members) have volunteered to watch any young children during the meeting. Any kids under 18 (who can't vote) who want to help them are welcome! Please bring your child down to the meeting room after the service at 9:30 a.m.

**ST. PETER'S SENIORS** will have their monthly luncheon on Thursday, January 16, at noon at Soliday's on the corner of Ward Road and Niagara Falls Blvd. Please let Donna Cederman know if you will be attending (693-5656).

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be held on Tuesday, January 21, and Tuesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Quilting Room.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA**—The annual congregational meeting will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. The agenda is as follows:

- Annual Report Approval
- Approval to replace shingles on school roof
- School and church picnic
- Special offerings for envelopes
- LCMC Conference—Delegates
- Summer Service Schedule and Outdoor Services
- Lay Assistants

**FUNERAL LUNCHEONS**—In order to continue serving our congregation, we are requesting new volunteers to serve at funeral luncheons. Both men and women are welcome and needed. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this important outreach to grieving families. For details, please contact Sue Galganski at 835-3453. Thank you so much for your consideration!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP FAMILIES**—Our January event will be snow tubing at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville. Weather permitting, this event is scheduled for Sunday, January 19. We will leave school at 1:30 p.m. and arrive at Holiday Valley Tubing between 3 and 3:30 p.m. We will tube for two hours. As long as we get 15 people to sign up, the event will cost \$5 for High School Youth Group members and \$17 for other family members who want to tube. Tubing will be done by 6 p.m. at the latest and then we will go to a pizza place in Ellicottville for dinner before driving home. Youth Group will buy the pizza. We should be home around 9:30 p.m. There is no school the next day. Please email or call Tim Walck if you plan to attend and how many people from your family by Sunday, January 12, so group reservations can be made.

Also, Youth Group is attending Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake for a two-day camping retreat in July. Details were emailed to everyone on our email list. If you did not receive the email and are interested in attending or being added to our email list, please contact Tim Walck or Cindy Devantier. We are asking for down payments for those attending by Friday, January 24, so we can buy

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All calendar dates should be cleared through the respective office.

**Articles for publication in the Gatekeeper must be submitted to Ruth by Wed at 9 a.m.**

**Save the Date:**

**TUES 1/21**  
Quilting Group 9:00 a.m.

**1/27-2/12**—Pastor on Vacation

**SAT 2/8**  
Meat Raffle to benefit St. Peter's School

tickets before pricing goes up.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY** are on the cabinet in the narthex. They are also on the website.

### **ST. PETER'S SCHOOL**

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**— All the proceeds from this collection directly benefit the students at St. Peter's. Remember, you can scan your receipts using the Box Top app or you can send your receipts to school and Mrs. Scibetta will scan them. Thanks for helping our school get what it needs! Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Scibetta.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE PURCHASED TOPS CARDS** to support the school. We have made over \$6,000 for the school since the Tops Cards sale started back up in September 2008. Special thanks to Brenda Walck who has coordinated this fundraiser for quite some time. Unfortunately, sales have been decreasing and Brenda has decided to step down as the coordinator. We do appreciate all her hard work. If there is anyone interested in coordinating this fundraiser for the school, please contact the school office

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH GERMAN SETTLEMENTS** invites members and the public to come to our annual Memories meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2020. We will share and discuss memories of days gone by. The meeting will be at the Wheatfield Community Center, 2790 Church Rd in Wheatfield at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Refreshments will be served.