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Pray without ceasing... 1 Thess. 5:17

Please fill out a "**Cares and Concerns**" sheet located in the narthex if you know of someone who needs prayer, or has a need.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER

Today	Congregational Meeting	12:00 p.m.
Monday	Newsletter Deadline	
Wednesday	Choir Practice	6:00 p.m.
	Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Men's Bible Study	6:45 a.m.
Next Sunday	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

STATISTICS FROM GOD'S HOUSE

At Worship Last Sunday	96
Offerings Last Sunday	\$ 2634.00
Building Fund	\$ 125.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 50.00

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist	Joanne Brower
Elder of the Month	Bryan Roth
Usher	David Geis
Lay Reader	Bob Aune
Nursery Staff	Valarie Gill & Dana Moeller
Counters for the Month	Bryan Roth, Kenneth Geis, Terry Henry
Altar Guild	Jeannine Yowell
Altar Care	Linda Chase, Doris Long, Dana Moeller, Viola Robinson

Sara Mae Brower (Richard's aunt) hospitalized after a fall
Richard Brower

Ranger Carle (Steven Carle's infant son)
Jo Finstad broken hip (Louise Murphree's aunt)
Teresa Flemming cancer
Janice Gauger cancer (wife of Rev. Reuel Gauger)
Minnie Lou Geer (Valerie Gill's Grandmother)
Gerald Hammer
Margaret Henry

Terri Holmen cancer returned

Eric King

Jeanette Little

Milburn Locke cancer (Louise Murphree's brother)

Kirsten Mathis

Richard May cancer (Chanda Rhyne's coworker)

Sharlett Miller

Betty Robinson

Jimmy Roth

Darla Weaver

Caden Wolsey

Lucas Wolsey

OUR SHUT-INS

Margaret Nichols

Odell Rainwater

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY

To family and friends of Michael Matthijetz

To family, friends and classmates of Samantha Rogers and Delaney Mancil

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Tanner Yeats ~NAVY

Ross Davis ~ ARMY

Matthew Puckett ~MARINE

Mike O'Kane ~ ARMY

David Johnston ~NAVY

Rusty Pyatt ~ ARMY

BIRTHDAYS

Davie Allen 11/25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to fill out the attendance pads in the pews. Members need not fill in the address portion unless there has been a change. Thank you for your cooperation.



A **pneumonia and flu vaccine clinic** will be held on Tuesday, November 23 at the River of Life Church. Please help get the word out so that anyone needing a flu shot will have an opportunity to receive one. Thank you.

The **Children's Christmas Eve Program** practices will be held in December during the Sunday School hour. If your child plans on being in the program, please be sure they attend each practice. The Children's Christmas Eve Program will be December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

We will be forming an **Evangelism Committee** to begin working in January of the new year. If you would be interested in meeting regularly and discussing ways of reaching out to our community please consider joining us. It will be an informal group and all ideas and options will be discussed. From special events and festivals around holidays to sponsoring programs such as ESL or First Aid classes...we have a clear slate to work with and we need your ideas. By meeting on a regular basis the ideas will remain fresh and not be lost in the cracks. This will also give us an opportunity to assist with programs that are already in place such a Midweek School, Vacation Bible School and the Christmas program. Jump in and get involved. The date of our first meeting will be announced at a later date but don't wait to start thinking of things to do and people who would be assets to this committee and the activities that the committee puts together. *-Pastor Knobloch*

St Peter Lutheran Church is now on the web!

We will be posting the monthly newsletter as well as the weekly bulletin, announcements, pictures and many other things. Go to www.stpetertex.com and check things out as we get our website up and running.



How did the Pilgrims celebrate Thanksgiving? Our encyclopedia says they shot wild turkeys and prepared a feast. Together with friendly Indians they made merry for three days. No record shows that these days were set aside for thanks to God. What about us? Do we stress the feast and forget the thanks? Do we think more of gathering together to eat, than gathering together in God's house to thank and praise Him for our abundance?

The second year the pilgrims essentially had no harvest. It was so lean, no feast was held. Their larders empty, they counted the days until spring so they could plant and reap. They had gloried in themselves, not in God. Trouble often is a blessing in disguise.

Are we truly thankful to God? We have homes, autos, television, cell phones, plenty of food, and abundance in many areas. What are we doing with it and about it? Are we thankful? Do we use our abundance to help bring the Gospel to every creature? Are we really grateful that God gave His Son on the cross for us? The Pilgrims realized their former sins. They declared a special day of prayer. On their knees they begged God's mercy. What happened? Refreshing rains came. A ship laden with food was sighted offshore. When people humble themselves and pray, God blesses (2 Chronicles 7:14).

The governor of Plymouth proclaimed a special Day of Thanksgiving. This really became the first Thanksgiving. It still differed from ours. There was no great feast. Rather, much time was spent in God's house, praying and thanking God. After the services, the rich took the poor to their homes and fed them. Perhaps a good suggestion for us.

If you will be out of town Thanksgiving Day, please find a church and worship the Lord. If you will be at home, please attend our Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00. The service will feature Thanksgiving hymns, a special children's talk, a message of encouragement from God's Word, and prayers of thanksgiving. If you have out of town guests at your house, invite them to attend worship with you. I wish for you a very meaningful and grateful Thanksgiving. May God bless this special day in your life so that glory will come to Him.

Yours in the name of Jesus,

Pastor Knobloch