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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

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| Today | Thrivent Luncheon | 12:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Midweek School | 3:45-5:45 p.m. |
| | Confirmation Class | 4:00-6:00 p.m. |
| | Choir Practice | 6:00 p.m. |
| | Advent II | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | Women's Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Bingo at Bellmire | |
| Friday | Men's Bible Study | 6:45 a.m. |
| Saturday | Christmas Caroling | 3:30 p.m. |
| Next Sunday | Bible Class/Childrens Program Pract. | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Worship Service | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Elder's Meeting | 12:00 p.m. |

STATISTICS FROM GOD'S HOUSE

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| At Worship Last Sunday | 98 |
| Offerings Last Sunday | \$ 4414.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 50.00 |
| Offerings Advent I | \$ 205.00 |

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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| Organist | Joanne Brower |
| Elder of the Month | Kurt Roberts |
| Usher | David Geis |
| Lay Reader | Bryan Roth |
| Nursery Staff | Rebecca Pickett & Kelly Roth |
| Counters for the Month | Jim Atkinson, Hugo Chase, David Drager |
| Altar Guild | Rebecca Horton |
| Altar Care | Brenda Jones, Jo Kleinhans, Lisa Lawson, Wendy McCarty, Lynda Medley |

Diana Atkinson eye injury
Sara Mae Brower (Richard's aunt) hospitalized after a fall
Richard Brower
Ranger Carle (Steven Carle's infant son)
Jo Finstad (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
Edwin Kleinhans
Jeanette Little
Milburn Locke cancer (Louise Murphree's brother)
Kirsten Mathis
Richard May cancer (Chanda Rhyne's coworker)
Sharlett Miller
Betty Robinson
Jimmy Roth
Suzanne Straub
Darla Weaver
Caden Wolsey
Lucas Wolsey

OUR SHUT-INS
Margaret Nichols
Odell Rainwater

GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON THE HOLY MATRIMONY
Ti & Codi (nee Nelson) Rainwater

THOSE IN THE MILITARY
Tanner Yeats ~NAVY
Ross Davis ~ ARMY
Matthew Puckett ~MARINE

Mike O'Kane ~ ARMY
David Johnston ~NAVY
Rusty Pyatt ~ ARMY

BIRTHDAYS
Melvin Fechtler 12/6
Jim McConeghey 12/9

Randi Reynolds 12/6
Carrie Aune 12/11

St Peter Lutheran Church is now on the web!
 Go online at www.stpetertex.com to see info, pics, calendars or make a prayer request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All members are invited to the Thrivent Luncheon today after the service, just bring your appetite!

Please take a moment to look at our new Christmas crèche depicting the birth of our Lord. It was generously donated to the glory of God by several anonymous donors. We thank them for this donation and pray that it blesses our congregation with its beauty for the many years to come. The crèche was dedicated to God's glory prior to the service last Sunday.



We will be spreading Christmas joy through the gift of song on Saturday, December 11 at 3:30 p.m. We will be visiting shut-ins, Bellmire & other friends. Following the caroling, we will meet back at the Fellowship Hall for a light supper & hot chocolate. Come join us and be a bright, cheery beacon of the hope of Jesus as we sing carols throughout Bowie!

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.



The LWML Christmas Party will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14 at Clara Noack's home. Everyone will meet at the church at 6:00 and then travel to Clara's. Bring a finger food and a baby gift for the Bowie Crisis Pregnancy Center. All ladies are invited to come and enjoy fellowship together!

Dear friends in Christ,

These past few months have been a whirlwind of activity for our family. Following my vicarage assignment to Lutheran Church of the Cross, Port Charlotte, FL, in April, things have been fast and furious for our family. The month of May saw me trying to complete my last few weeks at the seminary without any incompletes, Naomi and Anna completing their last few weeks of preschool, and Arrin working feverishly to pack our house. Part of her efforts included a garage sale, at which, she half-jokingly offered everything: clothes, furniture, car and house all for one low price! Thankfully her efforts were not in vain and we got all of our possessions stored with some friends. It was then that we began a six-week journey to Snohomish, WA to visit friends and family there, and then to Bowie, TX where we visited my mother and sister, and other friends.

At the end of that six-week period we left Bowie, flew to Fort Wayne, packed our truck and left the next day to drive three days to Florida. We might have made the trip in two days, but with Arrin and the girls taking the van and me driving the truck it was easier to take shorter days. We arrived here on Friday, July 30th and my first Sunday was August 1. We have again been on the run since that time. Arrin has been getting our home and family settled, especially now that we have a fourth child on the way, due in February. I am still trying to catch up on how things are done here. Every congregation does things differently and this is no exception. Pastor Redmann and I have visited all of our homebound members in the matter of two weeks and I have gradually been doing more homebound visits with more of our members over the past two months.

Now in November I have preached nine times (in church) and four times at a nursing home, and since our arrival I have been making homebound and hospital visits and teaching bible studies. Naomi has been in kindergarten for three months and enjoys it immensely. Anna has been in preschool for the past month and a half and has really blossomed. All three of the girls are in swim lessons (a must in Florida with all of the water here). The girls are enjoying themselves here, have made new friends and are already beginning to find ways to prepare the house for their new sibling. Arrin has been busy with the girls, doctor's visits, ladies groups, and the awesome task of being a mom.

Having said all of this we want you to understand how your support, prayers and encouragement have enabled us to continue on this path over these three years. Your financial support has always come at just the right time. Your encouragement and prayers have inspired us during times of difficulty and reminded us of the continued joy of serving God's people.

In Christ's Service, Vicar Brummett and Family