

THE GATEKEEPER'S RECORD

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church 6167 Walmore Road Sanborn, N.Y. 14132

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THIS WEEK:

12/07 - Sunday

8:30am - Worship service
9:45am - Sunday School
9:45am - Coffee Hour
11:00am - Worship service
1:00pm - Make, Take, and Share - Gym

12/09 - Tuesday

9:00am - Men's Bible Study
7:00pm - Church Council

12/10- Wednesday

7:00pm - Midweek Advent Service
8:00pm - Choir Practice

NEXT WEEK:

12/14- Sunday

8:30am - Worship service
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Sunday School Christmas Program

12/09 - Tuesday

9:00am - Men's Bible Study
7:00pm - Church Council

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7:00pm - Midweek Advent Service
8:00pm - Choir Practice

HERE AND NOW AT ST. PETER'S

STPETERSANBORN.COM is where you can find the livestreamed services, the gatekeeper, the bulletin, and the daily bible readings. Livestreamed services can also be found on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

PLEASE TAKE A HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE, which can be found on the table in the entrance next to the Gatekeeper.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES will be held on the following Wednesdays: ***December 10th and 17th*** at 7:00pm. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer for our services.

MAKE, TAKE, AND SHARE will be held ***today*** from 1pm - 3pm. Everyone is welcome! Carol Binns will again lead the annual Christmas craft party for ALL children of the congregation to: Make something nice, Take our crafts and Share our love of Jesus at this special time of year!

THE CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING will be held on ***Monday, December 15th at 7:00pm*** in the Church. The agenda is as follows:

1. The approval of the meeting minutes from the February Congregational meeting.
2. The election of Officers.
3. The proposed Church budget.
4. The proposed School budget.

JEHOVAH NACHUN QUILTERS have completed their fall season with 40 quilts made. Thank You Quilters! See you in the New Year!

WOMEN OF FAITH completed their Bible Study on the Holy Spirit and will begin a new study during the Lenten season.

THE SUNDAY ADULT CLASS will not meet in the month of December and will resume on January 4th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will not meet in December and will resume on January 8th.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER St. Peter's School is selling red poinsettias. Please take the order form on the table next to the Gatekeeper. All orders must be turned in ***TODAY!*** There is a box for you to turn in your order form. Poinsettias will be placed in Church on ***Sunday, December 14th*** and can be picked up after the Sunday School Christmas Program on the 14th ***OR*** you can leave them in Church through the Christmas season. Poinsettias are \$11 and are in 6 inch pots.

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All calendar dates should
be cleared through the
respective office.

Articles for publication in
the Gatekeeper must be
submitted to the Church
Office by **WEDNESDAY at
10am.**

OUR RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS

Needed each week \$6944.18

	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>CURRENT GIVING</u>
11/2	145	\$5331.00
11/9	126	\$5738.00
11/16	147	\$7589.00
11/23	144	\$5537.98
Thanksgiving	150	<i>will be available next week</i>
11/30	135	<i>will be available next week</i>

Capital Improvement Fund balance:..... \$2920.32

COMMUNITY NEWS

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

THE EDWARD G. KINKEL SCHOLARSHIP application form can be found on the table in the side entrance. This \$1000 scholarship is sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Home for Children and must be submitted by **December 18, 2025.**

THE SANBORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY FARM MUSEUM is hosting the following upcoming events at 2660 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn:

TODAY from 2pm-4pm:

Farm Members sing-a-long in the Townsend Hall with hors d'oeuvres and eggnog.

Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14 from 11am-4pm:

Children's Holiday Party with special guest, SANTA, from noon-3pm each day and The Balloon Guy from 1:30pm-2:30pm.

Saturday, December 20 at 2:00pm:

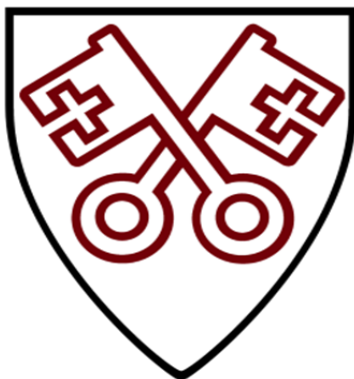
Caroling at the Farm featuring The Ladies First Quartet

There is no charge to attend any of these events but donations are welcome. For more information, see the fliers on the table in the side entrance.

ST. PAUL'S COOKIE WALK will be held on **Saturday, December 20** from 9:00am until gone. Small boxes of cookies are \$10 and large boxes of cookies are \$18.

NIAGARA GOSPEL MISSION - FEED THE FALLS - CHRISTMAS

The Feed the Falls Christmas "Cookie Party" is **December 23rd at 7:00pm** at NGM. Donations of cookies would be appreciated as they need about 6000 cookies for the meals. If you would like to join us by volunteering or by making a donation, please reach out to Donna Stevens at dstevens@niagaragrm.org or 716-946-6163.





Dear St. Peter's Church family -

Thank you so very much for your love, encouragement and generous support! We are overwhelmed with such love shown to us! What we lost behind this barn door does not compare to what God has restored to us through all of you. ^{so}

Thank you for being such a blessing, and we pray for God's blessings upon you all, especially during this beautiful Christmas Season!

With sincere gratitude,
John + Jean Kvamme

His mercies are new every morning -
Great is His faithfulness!

Lamentations 3:22-23

St. Peter's Fellowship Hall Exploratory Committee Initial Report

The Exploratory Committee has met several times over the past few months and would like to update the congregation on the progress from these meetings! We started by looking at the goals of our church, our responsibility to our school and our mission to reach out to the community. We then listed the limitations that we have with our current facilities when trying to attain these goals. Finally we discussed how a fellowship hall could be used to enhance what we wish to do through our school and in our community. Our vision of this project is to create a connecting hub between our church, our school, and our community.

A connecting hub could be used to enhance our church and school and allow us more opportunities for outreach to our surrounding community. We envision a hall that could be used for social gatherings, fellowship, outreach, and sports. All of these are restricted by the limitations of our current facilities. The first of these limitations is accessibility to our auditorium/gym. Due to the design of our school, it is not possible to access this space without gaining access to the whole school. Therefore, the facilities cannot be used during school hours to ensure the safety of our students. Even outside of school hours there is a concern of who will be in the school and can we ensure school property will not be damaged. Another limitation is the size constraints of our facility. Anyone who has attended the end of the school year musical program knows that the auditorium gets very crowded! In addition to this, we are unable to use the space as a gym to host home games for either basketball or volleyball. The playing area does not allow enough space for spectators, adequate space around the playing area, or a high enough ceiling. These are not conditions that can be corrected by modifying our current facilities. A new fellowship hall could be designed to limit access to the existing school and have adequate space for our needs.

We reached out to the members of St. James for their advice. Having gone through a similar process, they were able to share their experience from the start of planning their hall through completing and maintaining it. The stand out advice that they gave us was to complete the project in phases and leave space for growth. They also shared that they have no regrets for building their hall.

Now that we have a vision, understand the limitations that we are looking to overcome, and have received practical advice from a congregation that has gone through the process, we are looking at the next step. As a committee, we are just a few members of the whole. We are looking for the vision of the whole congregation and your ideas on how to improve on the potential project. To give everyone a voice, we are sending out this attached questionnaire. Please look it over, take time to discuss the idea with your families and return it to us by **December 21st** or scan the QR code to fill out the google form with the same questions.



St. Peter's Fellowship Hall Exploratory Committee Questionnaire

A new fellowship hall could benefit our church, school and community. What opportunities do you see it would provide with our current missions?

Building a fellowship hall would give us a place to host bigger events and allow the congregation and community to have more access to the hall. This hall can be used for a number of things. Among these are receptions, dinners, funeral luncheons, sports, fundraisers and community outreach events. What type of functions would you like to see this hall used for? What can we do with this space that could improve our church and our school?

Fellowship halls can look very different depending on how the church plans to use them. A kitchen and a gym are a necessity in a hall for our church and school. What other features do you think are important to a fellowship hall?

As a growing congregation we are looking to expand our outreach into the surrounding community. How do you see a fellowship hall helping with outreach to the community? What can we do to improve outreach with this facility?

*Please return this questionnaire to the box located in the side entrance or fill out electronically using the QR code in the Gatekeeper. Questionnaires are due back by **December 21st**.*

