In liturgical churches, the season of Advent is a time of waiting. We are waiting on something very special. We are waiting for Christ to once again come into the world and into our lives. As Episcopalians we live this out in the drama of worship by singing ‘Advent’ songs instead of Christmas Carols. The scripture lessons tell us of characters like John the Baptist, who came to prepare the way for the redeemer of the world. We are reminded to ‘get ready’ for the coming of Christ, not only at Christmas, but at the end of history as well. In all of this, we resist the screams of the culture all around us telling us that Christmas is already here, we must come and buy things to bring it in. No. We are waiting. Waiting for something special once again.

In that same vein, the image and metaphor of waiting for something special, I want to share with everyone at St. Peter by-the-Lake a true gift that we will be receiving in the days ahead. In January, the diocese is ordaining a new permanent deacon at the cathedral in Asheville. Her name is Brenda Gilbert. Her home parish is St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Gastonia. As is the custom in our diocese, once she is ordained, she will have to spend the first year of her ordained life at a different parish than her own. The bishop has decided to post Brenda here with us, at St. Peter’s. It will be our privilege to help train Brenda in the life and ministry of the deacon. We will all be her teachers. Brenda will be in ministry with us from January 24th, 2016 until late November of the same year. Then we will send her back to St. Mark’s in Gastonia which will be her permanent parish and place of ministry. But during her time here she will exercise ministry with us. She will be preaching four to six weeks. She will be teaching with us, she will be assisting in the liturgy on Sundays and other special occasions. This will be a great gift and true joy.

Please keep Brenda and her family in your thoughts and prayers as her ordination day approaches. Please keep St. Mark’s in your prayers as they will have to say a temporary ‘goodbye’ to her for the next 10 months. And let us celebrate this opportunity for a unique ministry, as we await anew our Lord’s coming into our hearts and minds once again in this holy season.

Faithfully,

Father Ron
David and I have a great-granddaughter, Caroline; our granddaughter Lauren is expecting our second great-granddaughter in March. I am anticipating greatly and thinking of gifts that I can give to this new child. I am already praying for her well-being and for the fullness of the beautiful person, the child of God, she is being formed to be.

In December we all journey from the anticipation and expectancy of our Lord Jesus Christ's coming into the world and coming to live within us and within God's people -- we journey forward to RECEIVING our Lord and his presence within us.

May we give the gift to the world of seeing each man, woman and child as God's own child and gifting them with the surrounding love of Christ so that each may find the fullness of that love and give it to others also.

May the Christmas blessings which we receive bless all around us and make the world new, so that all may find that their lives are calm, peaceful, bright and filled with the gift of God's extravagant love given to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Faithfully,

Deacon Judy
Advent has arrived once again as our liturgical season. Our lovely Episcopal church is so rich in its liturgical tradition that we get to steep ourselves into the meaning of each one as they arise in our Christian year. And now the year begins.

Of course, there is much of Advent and its’ meaning in our lives all year round. Just as we have Easter all year (each Sunday is actually a “little Easter”), and technically all the other liturgical seasons’ meanings can be found sprinkled about year round as well.

Yet, there is something about Advent that is both a beginning and a return.

*Do you know my Jesus?* We receive the gift of faith with an open heart.

*Will this be the year that Jesus returns?* We proclaim each Sunday at the Eucharist: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

The very hope of Advent, with its expectancy and preparing, scuffing up our knees in prayer while we wait for the coming of the Lord Jesus—yes, this happens in our hearts all year round. At least, it does with me. Then there is another repeat of a Christmas morning, a situation into which Jesus seems to be born, against all odds once again, into this broken world. His bright fresh infant face once again shines from an ordinary place, draws crowds in awe and wonder, humbles people—even powerful ones—and makes things holy.

Have you noticed lately how many people are coloring and drawing again? And painting? Going to paint nights and parties? And have you seen how many young people are working so hard at saving our planet? This only beautiful planet that generations before us have not done such a good job of taking care of. Did you know that neuroscience is discovering all kinds of fabulous things right now about how great a job our brains can do at healing? Our brains, our bodies are incredible creations that God gave us, and still an untapped mystery as far as healing and living the good life. Have you taken time to be grateful lately? Simply look at how good your life really is.

Each day we have a choice to live with expectancy, inviting the Lord to be present in our situations. Saying yes to one another and to this beautiful world is a way to practice Advent. God sent Jesus into the world to save us from hopelessness. Jesus is probably the best positive and affirming influence you could ever place into your life. We can
forever invite Our Lord into our day, into even our craziest situations. It’s his job!! God loves us dearly and has put Jesus there, at the ready, waiting for such invitations.

I share with you one of Mary Oliver’s Advent poems. Read it with an open mind, a light and expectant heart, ready for an Advent kind of day! Let’s all sweep out the cobwebs of our souls and dust off the strengths we bring to this journey we continue to walk with Our Lord. Ours is such a good life. Let us live it gladly and gratefully. Why not start this very moment? Each one of us is ready enough!

In Gratitude for God’s Abundant Grace,

Mother Beth+

Making the House Ready for the Lord

Dear Lord I have swept and I have washed but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you. Under the sink, for example, is an uproar of mice—it is the season of their many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves and through the walls the squirrels have gnawed their ragged entrances—but it is the season when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow; what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly up the path, to the door. And still I believe you will come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know that really I am speaking to you whenever I say, as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

(Mary Oliver. Thirst- Poems by Mary Oliver. Beacon, 2007)
There is a well-known story of a little boy who is afraid of thunder and lightning. One night, during a particularly violent thunderstorm, he wakes up and rushes into his parents’ bedroom for comfort and protection. His mother gathers him up in her arms and says, “Don’t be afraid, sweetheart. You are never alone. God loves you and is with you all the time.” The little boy snuggles more deeply into his mother’s arms, looks up and says, “I know, Mama… but tonight I need someone with skin!”

I think God must have known that about us… sometimes we just need someone with skin. And so, God chooses to come to earth as a tiny vulnerable baby. This Incarnation – God taking on human form is one of the most transforming, foundational pieces of our Christian faith and we believe it is an essential story to pass on to our children.

In many ways, you are the incarnational presence of God for your child. You are the one “with skin”… the one who is there to hold and cuddle and listen and comfort. Children are still concrete thinkers and they need concrete “skin” experiences to help them make these new connections. You can help your child by talking about the Christmas story at home. Talk about what Christmas means to you and what traditions are important in your family. Talk about the importance of hope and what it means to believe in a God who loves us and promises to be here with us, even when life gets scary or unpredictable.

Remind your child that when we light the candles of our Advent wreath, we are doing more than just a mindless ceremony. To light a candle is an act of hope. We are honoring the people of hope who have gone before us – the shepherds, the wise men, Mary and Joseph, the angels… but we are also lighting our own candle as a symbol that we too believe and wait and hope.

That’s what we remember in Advent… that hope has changed the world. To light an advent candle is to say, in the face of all that suggests the contrary, that God is here with us, still walking beside us, holding us when we can no longer hold ourselves up… the light of that Advent candle shimmers in the darkness, reminding us in the immortal words of Dame Julian of Norwich that “all shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.”

**12th Night Festival!** This year’s cast have been hard at work the past few months, putting together what will surely be our funniest show to date! We still have a few openings for Merry Maids/Orphans and Kitchen Wenches if you are interested in joining in the fun! This year’s event will be reserved seating only again, and the sign-ups for seats will be posted by December 01st. There is no cost to attend this event, but donations are very much appreciated the night of the show.
Our PreK-6th Grade Memory Verse for the month of December is:

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord” ~ Luke 2:11

We are in need of at least 3-4 more Helpers for our 12/06; 12/13 and 12/20 Holywood Theater and Raiders of the Lost Arts Classes. Please contact Kina ASAP, if you can devote an hour of your time for those three Sundays!

Calling children YOUNG and OLD! Would you like to help bring the Story of Christmas Carols to life on Christmas Eve?

Children of all ages who wish to participate must sign up in Fotinos Hall for one of the listed parts. Parents will need to supply costumes for the parts selected. We will practice December 9th and December 16th from 5:15-6:00 p.m. Anyone who signs up for a part must be present at the practices. The Christmas Pageant will be on December 24th, 2014, during the 4:00 p.m. Service Please drop off your child, in costume, to Furr Hall at 3:45 that day. There will be a helper there to watch your child until time for them to come in Nave.

Newcomer Ministry – We have been blessed with new faces over the last few months! As we go in to the upcoming holiday season, there will be many activities going on in our parish life. I encourage each of you to invite someone to come along with you to one of these events. I hope that the “red folders” that we are sharing with our first time guests are helpful to you in identifying someone that you may not know, and would like to extend a welcome to. Also, the Newcomer Ministry would love to have more smiling faces to welcome our members and guests during our services. If you would like to share your beautiful smile, please let me know.

ATTENTION ALL BOOKWORMS: SPBTL now has a small "Lending Library" available to you. It is located in the box on the top shelf next to the water cooler in Fotinos Hall.

You are welcome to take a book from this box, as long as you leave a book in its place. You are welcome to leave a book in this box, as long as you take one, to make space! This should be a great way to expand your literary horizons. Be sure to return particularly good books for the next person.

There are only a few simple rules:
1. If you take a book, you must leave one.
2. If you leave a book, you must take one (this is not a dumping ground)
3. No Children's/Young Adult books.
4. Keep books in the best condition possible for the next reader.
5. Newer books (written within the last 5-10 years would be appropriate).
HELPERS NEEDED!!

PreK-6th Grades Christian Formation Rotation Schedule

PLEASE Let Kina know as soon as possible if you can volunteer for any of the following rotations. You may email her at spbtlkina@yahoo.com or sign up on the Fotinos Hall Bulletin Board

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Holywood Theater

Raiders of the Lost Ark

Solid Rock Café/Games

We need your Wisdom and Wit for 2015-2016 Youth Sunday

School Class Schedule

CREED CONTINUED:

December 06  Am I really supposed to believe Mary was a Virgin?  BRAD & KINA SUBSTITUTES
December 13  Why did Jesus go to hell?
December 20  Is the Holy Spirit a person or wind or fire or what?
Helper 1:  Mike Emmerson  Helper 2:  Stephanie Emmerson

UNBROKEN MOVIE REVIEW:

January 10  Movie Part 1
January 17  Movie Part 2
January 24  Movie Discussion
Helper 1:  ______________________  Helper 2:  ______________________

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ADVENT FESTIVAL
The Legend of the Poinsettia
An event, for the ENTIRE family – Invite all your friends and neighbors!
4:00 pm Sunday, December 6th
It will include a Mexican Fiesta as we celebrate the legend of the Poinsettia, crafts for all ages, holiday music, fun and fellowship, and a special visit from our friend from the North Pole!
Everyone is invited to bring a dessert to share! For more details, email Kina Cartee at SPBTLKINA@yahoo.com

The Advent Festival Team needs your help. The Decorating Team needs to borrow a few items, and the Craft Teams need a few items donated. Please see the lists below, to help with any. All loans and donations are much appreciated! Please place them in the marked tub in Fotinos Hall, or bring them by Kina’s office for safe keeping, by December 4th. Contact Kina if you have any questions.

- 12mm wooden beads (780 of them)
- red wool felt, (approx 10 x 11 cm per craft x 130)
- red thread (12 or more, I think)
- needles- (the larger ones- not sure how many-maybe 12)
- Anything poinsettia related for decorations (please put name on your items).
- branches, lots of bare branches
- branches with greenery
- lots of pine cones, little and medium size
- small Christmas ornaments
- ribbon with wire
- bells, jingle bells
- wire, for wiring together and hanging
- glue sticks
- twine
- old Christmas cards to cut out little pictures to add to the arrangement
- branch trimmer (please put your name on yours), like when hand trimming a bush or cutting flowers
- 130 round light green ornaments (plastic).
- 4 - 5 stamp pads (could be various colors but we need red for sure).
- paint markers (black, yellow and white).
Parish Holiday Movie Night - Fun for ALL AGES!
(No children required, although you are welcome to load up the neighbor's kids and bring them along for the fun!) Kids can wear their PJs. Adults - come in your ugliest Christmas Sweater!
DECEMBER 4th
7:00 PM: Doors will open to S-1 Sleigh Flight Simulator
7:00-7:15 PM: Make Wrapping Center Souvenir
7:15-7:30 PM: Lite Dinner Fare from the Co-Operative Food Store
7:30 PM: SHOW TIME
You must sign up in Fotinos Hall to make sure we save you room! (We must have 25 attending to hold this event.) Please email Kina at spbltkina@yahoo.com, by December 2nd, to reserve your seat. Parents must remain with their children for this event.

Other upcoming events you don’t want to miss:
* **Journey To Bethlehem Paint Night Part 2:** Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Furr Hall. If you missed the first night, email Kina if you would like to come to Part 2.
* **Adopt-a-Family** sign-ups will begin on Sunday, November 29th. Please consider signing up for something to help make a family’s Christmas a little brighter. All non-food items and wrapped gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 20th, and all perishable food items returned by Monday, December 21st. Delivery will be made on December 22nd.
* **Sign-ups are currently taking place for the Children’s Christmas Eve Pageant.** See sheet in Fotinos Hall for available parts. Please sign up by December 09th. Practices will be December 9th and December 16th from 5:15-6:00 p.m.
* **Advent Festival:** December 6th, from 4-7 p.m. An annual event of fun, fellowship and food for all ages.
* **Children’s Pageant:** December 24th, 4:00 p.m. St. Peter’s kids/youth will share the story of Christmas through word and song.
* **January 6th, – 12th Night Festival.** This event is reserved seating only. Please use the sign-up sheet located in Fotinos Hall beginning December 1st.

As always, I am in need of volunteers to man our classrooms. If you would like to help with any of our programs, please let me know! Thank you to everyone who helps to make all of our programs a success!

**Kina Cartee**
Director of Christian Formation
If someone asked you to name the most famous or the most beloved Christmas carol, what would you say? If you answered “Silent Night”, you would probably be right. As with many hymns, “Silent Night” began as a Christmas poem. It was written in the early 1800’s by a parish priest at St. Nicholas church in Austria, Father Joseph Mohr. On Christmas Eve, 1818 Father Mohr asked his organist to compose a tune appropriate for 2 solo voices with guitar accompaniment. It is rumored that their organ was damaged and could not be played, thus the need for guitar. Franz Gruber immediately composed the tune for “Silent Night” and it was performed that very night. Weeks later, the organ builder arrived to repair the church organ and heard the new composition. He brought it back to his village where it was picked up by 2 famous singing families. The Strasser sisters spread the carol across Europe, performing before the Russian Czar and the Prussian King who ordered it performed by his cathedral choir every Christmas Eve. “Silent Night” was first performed in the United States outside Trinity Church (in German) in New York City twenty years after it was written. It would not be translated into English until about 50 years after it was written.

As you enjoy the candlelight singing of “Silent Night” at our 11pm Christmas Eve service, think back to a snowy hillside in a little alpine village and marvel, as I do, that we have such a beautiful tradition.

**MUSIC NOTES ♫**

By LeighAnn Johnston

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**The St. Peter by-the-Lake Advent/Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols**

is Sunday, December 13th at the 10:30am service. This is a time-honored service of scripture and song based on the 19th century Church of England service. It’s a wonderful way to transition from the longing of Advent to the joy of Christ’s coming at Christmas.

(There is NO 8:30am service this day.)
Vision of St. Peter by-the-Lake

In response to our Lord Jesus Christ’s missional imperative to baptize and teach all nations....and to love God and our neighbors as ourselves: We the clergy, vestry, and people of the Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake commit ourselves to:

*Walk in the Way (Spiritual growth through worship, formation, repentance & prayer)*

*Widen the Walls (Proclaiming the Good News by Word & Example)*

*Wake up the World (Striving for Justice & Peace. Respecting the dignity of every person)*

Mission of St. Peter by-the-Lake

In response to our parish vision: The mission of The Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake is to:

*Be Disciples: Engage the World*
Daughters of the King

The Holy Order of the Daughters of the King is open to any woman of the church who has a desire to serve through Prayer and Evangelism.

We gather quarterly at the church for Bible Studies, Meditations, or Guest Speakers, and smaller groups meet monthly at the church or Daughters homes, for bible study.

If you are interested in becoming a Daughter of the King, please feel free to talk to any of the Daughters.

For His Sake,

Nancy Brandt

Note from the Parish Administrator:
Please be sure to schedule all reservations of the church facilities through the Parish Administrator so your events can be placed on the Church’s main calendar. Thank you!

Check out our website!
Our web address is: www.saintpeterbythelake.net

Christmas Food Bags
Please begin bringing items for our annual food bags. Delivery on Dec. 12. We will sort & bag that morning. ALL ages are welcome!!!

Items needed:
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Soups & Stews
- Canned Hams
- Cereal, Oatmeal & Grits
- Macaroni & cheese
- Bags of apples & oranges

We DO NOT need things like salad dressing, mayo, mustard, etc. Questions, call Patty Duggan

The Order of the Daughters of the King

The Episcopal Church of Saint Peter by-the-Lake | www.saintpeterbythelake.net
SATURDAY BREAKFAST AT STACYS

Group contact: If you would like to receive emails regarding activities of the men in the Church (and currently are not receiving them), send your email address to davepitt4@aol.com (and we will add you to this year’s list. Anyone without email can call David Pittinaro (704) 530-1858, and we will set up a calling list.

It is our great privilege to pray for those who ask us to pray. Our gracious God answers out of His great love for His children.

Let us pray for these for whom members of our parish have requested prayer:

**PRAYER REQUESTS**


Thank you for helping us keep the NET prayer list current. If a name should be added or removed, please let Deacon Judy Cole know.
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS and CHRISTMAS WREATHS DONATIONS

Each Christmas season the Altar Guild invites and encourages everyone to consider donating funds, no matter how small, to providing the Altar Arrangement and the Wreaths for Christmas for the “Hanging of the Greens”.

Special flyers for donations toward the Christmas altar flowers and wreaths will be available November 30th through Dec.16th on the table in Fotinos Hall and in your mailboxes. Please fill out the special flyer with the names of those you wish to be remembered or honored. Attach your check to the flyer and turn in to the Office of Kate D’Amato or place in her mailbox by Wednesday, Dec.16th.

Names will be printed in the Christmas Bulletin. Any funds in excess of the cost of our Christmas flowers and greens will be placed in the Clergy Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your generous offerings in past Christmases and for your continued generosity this coming Christmas 2015!

CARING BRIDGE FOR ASHLEY WAGNER

The Wagner family would like you to know that they have created a Caring Bridge site for Ashley. Caring Bridge is a wonderful website in which Ashley will have a page where she and her family will write updates and news on her progress. And anyone visiting the site can leave a message for Ashley and the Wagners. Just go to Caringbridge.com and create an account and a password. Once you do that type in Ashley Wagner and you will see her page pop up. Gra and Daphne send their deepest thanks for all the prayers, cards, goodies and support; it is all much appreciated.
ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Are you ready for some Christmas favorites? The East Lincoln Community Chorus will be singing some of their favorites from years past when they present "All I Want for Christmas". The free family shows will be held at Denver United Methodist Church, Hwy 16 N, Denver, on Dec 10 and Dec 11 at 7:30pm and Dec 12 at 2:00pm.

East Lincoln Community Chorus is a non-profit organization that relies on the generosity of the community to continue to bring the gift of musical arts to the neighborhood.

If you would like to make a donation, mail your check to ELCC, PO Box 942, Denver, NC 28037. Donations are tax deductible.

Christmas Eve Services

At St. Peter by-the-Lake are part of an honored holiday tradition. Our 4pm service is the Holy Eucharist with the annual Children’s pageant. This service is boisterous and filled with the smiles of children and adults. Our 11pm service is the Holy Eucharist with candlelight. The service ends at midnight with everyone singing ‘Silent Night’ in our Nave lit only with candles. Both services are very meaningful ways to herald the birth of our Lord.
Disaster Recovery

GEORGETOWN, SC

A team of parishioners from Saint Peter by-the-Lake traveled to Georgetown SC the week of November 9th. Our help had been requested to repair flood damage to Habitat for Humanity houses in the area.

Many thanks to the team of volunteers – David Cole, Charlie Johnson, Ron and Karen Horne and George and Kathy Cooper.
We worked on three Habitat homes that the families who lived there were displaced from. In two of the homes the water in the houses was 3 feet deep at the height of the flood. In the third house all the sheetrock had to be replaced. The water was 7 feet deep at the height of the flood.

Our team worked with other Habitat volunteers and we managed to complete the sheet rock work on all three houses.

Thanks to Bill Lifsey for helping me plan and setup the trip.

Thanks to Joy and Bob Daugherty for hosting us in the Habitat Volunteer House.

If you are interested in becoming a member of SPBTL’s Disaster Recovery Team please contact me at partonah@att.net or 704 724-4860.

God Bless,

Andy Parton
NEWS FROM THE LAKE NORMAN COVEKEEPERS

The Lake Norman Covekeepers wish you a joyous holiday season! We do not meet during December. Our meetings will resume at 7 pm on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at our normal venue (East Lincoln Fire Department, 206 S. Pilot Knob Road, Stanley) with guest speaker David Ledford, representing the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District. Plan now on attending this informative presentation, which will help us to understand better how the work of his organization impacts the environment and protects water quality.

Alexander Community Concert Series

The Alexander Community Concert Series wishes to thank everyone in the church and the community for supporting our efforts to provide diverse musical experiences that engage, entertain, and inspire. We hope that you enjoy this rich holiday season and are looking forward to our final two concerts:

- **The Ziad Jazz Quartet** – Gypsy jazz, music with verve
  Sunday, February 28, 2016
  3 p.m.

- **UNCC Percussion Ensemble** – Feel the beat, sense the rhythm, experience the energy
  Sunday, April 17, 2016
  3 p.m.

WHY NOT CONSIDER PURCHASING YOUR TICKETS FOR ONE OR BOTH OF THESE TWO CONCERTS NOW, AS CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR GIFTS FOR THOSE WITH WHOM YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE NOT ONLY THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT BUT ALSO MUSICAL EXPERIENCES CREATED BY TOP CLASS MUSICIANS!

General Admission (including all receptions and refreshments):
- Adults  $15
- Children under 12  FREE
- Seniors (65 and above) and students  $10

To reserve your tickets, call The Episcopal Church of St. Peter By-the-Lake (704-483-3460) OR Ben Benoit (704-489-6249) OR e-mail ben_benoit@hotmail.com.
FOCUS ON MISSION - OUTREACH TEAM

And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased.  Hebrews 13:16

A monthly highlight of organizations we support with our Time, Talent and Treasure.

Special Christmas Offering

About Episcopal Relief and Development – From their website

“Episcopal Relief & Development is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of The Episcopal Church. Our work to heal a hurting world is guided by the principles of compassion, dignity and generosity.

We take our mandate from the words of Jesus, found in Matthew 25:37-40, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Episcopal Relief & Development works with Church partners and other local organizations to save lives and transform communities worldwide. We rebuild after disasters and empower people to create lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease. Working in close to 40 countries, our programs impact the lives of approximately 3 million people around the world.”

Relief to the SC flooding victims through Episcopal Relief and Development

The Mission-Outreach Team at St. Peter’s has designated Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and their work to help the flood victims in SC as the recipient of the Special Christmas Offering. Our donation will be matched due to a special 75th anniversary program.

To help support ERD’s efforts, please consider donating. Special Christmas Offering envelopes will be available in the pews during the Christmas services. If you are not in Church for the Christmas Services, the Special envelopes will also be in the pews on Sunday, 12/27. Please make checks payable to “St Peter by-the-Lake”, noting “ERD SC flooding” in the memo line.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity.
Advent & Christmas Mission/Outreach Opportunities

The Advent Angel Tree: Select an ‘angel’ from the Advent Tree and support needy families through the ministry of the East Lincoln Christian Ministry. Please return all gifts by Sunday, November 29th.

St. Peter by-the-Lake ‘Adopt-a-Family’: This outreach ministry is a partnership between our parish and the local communities-in-schools program. Each year a family in need is chosen and we provide Christmas gifts and meals. The sign-up poster is available in Fotinos Hall. Gifts and non-perishables should be returned by Sunday, December 20th. All perishable items should be brought to the church on December 21st.

Christmas ‘Food Bag’ Ministry: Please bring your non-perishable food items to St. Peter by-the-Lake and place them in the Narthex or in Furr Hall. On Saturday, December 12th parish members will sort, bag, and deliver these much needed groceries to families in the East Lincoln area.

Special Advent/Christmas Happenings

December 6th: The Advent Festival (4-7pm)  Come to the Church celebrate The Legend of the Poinsettia with craft preparation, fellowship, fun, watch some football, and have an evening meal together at a treasured St. Peter’s tradition.

December 4th: Family Movie Night in Furr Hall - ARTHUR CHRISTMAS
7:00 PM: Doors will open to S-I Sleigh Flight Simulator
7:00-7:15 PM: Make Wrapping Center Souvenir
7:15-7:30 PM: Light Dinner Fare from the Co-Operative Food Store
7:30 PM: SHOW TIME
Wear your favorite pajamas!

December 13th: The Annual Festival of Lessons & Carols (10:30am) Come and enjoy this traditional Anglican service of scripture and song as we celebrate the holy season.

January 6th: The 12th Night Festival (6:30pm) Join us for an evening of drama, music & merriment.

SERVICES

Sunday, November 29th: Advent I
8:30am: Holy Eucharist
NO Formation Classes
10:30am: Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 6th: Advent II
8:30am: Holy Eucharist
9:30am: Formation classes for all ages
10:30am: Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 13th: Advent III
9:30am: Formation classes for all ages
10:30am: Festival of Lessons & Carols
(No 8:30am service today)

Sunday, December 20th: Advent IV
8:30am: Holy Eucharist
9:30am: Formation classes for all ages
10:30am: Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 24th: Christmas Eve
4:00pm: Holy Eucharist (Children’s Pageant)
11:00pm: Holy Eucharist (Candlelight Service)
DECEMBER EVENTS

December 4th
Winter Family Movie Night

December 6th
Advent Festival

December 6th
Vestry Elections

December 13th
Lessons & Carols –
10:30am service only today

December 24th
Christmas Eve Service & Children’s Pageant 4pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 6th
12th Night Festival

January 31st
Annual Parish Meeting

January 31st
Evensong

February 9th
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 10th
Ash Wednesday Service
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DECEMBER

Happy Anniversary

1 – Danny and Kay Stidham
22 – John and Jane Cutchin
31 – Pat and Shanti Clancy

Happy Birthday

1 – James Biondi 10 – Dave Cole 23 – Tom Weed
1 – Emily Heil 11 – Matt Taylor 24 – Jim Ocello
3 – Brady Rinkus 14 – Greta Gustis 25 – Lisa Anzalone
4 – Michael Ridlehoover 15 – Mario Aebischer 25 – Carol Buteau
6 – Ruth Baker 15 – Katie Parsons 26 – Cathy Coleman
6 – Jeffrey Moeller 17 – Kina Cartee 27 – Chuck Hunter
6 – Ellie Rinkus 18 – Ezenma Brinson 27 – Chris Ireland
7 – Jonathan Stollery 18 – Tara Mikitarian 28 – Leon McLennon
10 – Ava Anzalone 19 – John Cutchin 29 – Peggy Sayres
20 – Rene Sliwoski

Join us in welcoming our New Members!!!
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Angeline Carmichael, Nursery Staff

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Jim Bowden, Junior Warden
Claudia Crist
Gary Jarvis
Daniel Malyevac
Connie Mathis
Cathy Melesh
Duane Rinkus
Dave Smith

Clerk of the Vestry: Daphne Wagner