



December 14th, 2023

Mission Statement St. Peter Lutheran School exists to help parents bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord, to provide academic excellence using God's Word, and to share the Gospel of Christ with the world.

Church Singing:

Sunday, December 17th

Children's Christmas Program 10:30am & 4:00pm

Special Christmas Practice

This Saturday, December 16, from 9-11 am, there will be a Christmas practice for students in grades 3K-8th. The purpose of this practice is to put on any finishing touches before Sunday's programs AND to give Sunday School students an opportunity to practice with the entire group.

Children's Christmas Programs

The students and teachers have been preparing for this Sunday's St. Peter Christmas program. It will be held Sunday, December 17, at 10:30 am AND 4:00 pm. Students should arrive no earlier than one-half hour before each service. When they do arrive, each student should go directly to their classroom. After each service, all are invited to the school commons where you will have the opportunity to judge the decorated Christmas trees made by each SPL flock.

Dress-Up Days

Next week, there will be three specific dress-up days at SPL. They are as follows:

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| Tuesday, 12/18: | Christmas Socks and Accessories |
| Wednesday, 12/19: | Red & Green Day |
| Thursday, 12/20: | Christmas Apparel / Sweaters |

What are the building blocks of a strong parent/child relationship?

How do we build a relationship with our children? Is it just a matter of 'spending time' with them? Is it giving them special gifts? Does it hinge on communicating with them on a consistent basis? The article I am referring you to this week states the following: "As parents, our job is to build a bridge between our hearts and theirs so that Jesus can cross over from us to them." The keys to that is first having a proper relationship with our children and secondly God's Word being a part of our lives together. It is that Word that the Holy Spirit uses to strengthen faith. The article can be found at this link: [Forward in Christ.](#)

SCRIP CHRISTMAS ORDERING: Will you be starting your holiday shopping soon? Consider using the SPL Scrip program to purchase your gift cards. The deadline for ordering gift cards to be available by Christmas is **9:00am on Monday, December 18th**. Cards included on hand in our "Scrip to Go" supply are Kwik Trip, Dunkin Donuts, Walmart, Amazon, BP/Amoco, Fleet Farm, most local grocery stores and many more. You can stop in the office between 7:30am and 3:00pm to purchase cards or to get additional information.

Chili/Soup Cook-off: F.A.C.E will be hosting a Chili/Soup Cook-off January 28th after the 10:30am service. We will have a sign up table starting in January and sign ups can also be done thru the office, the deadline to sign up is January 22nd. The next F.A.C.E meeting will be January 22nd!

Christmas Vacation: Christmas vacation is Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 1st. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Classroom News:

Mr. Miller's Classes: Grades 3-4 Art created some wonderful Christmas trees last Friday. Hopefully they made it home without any major damage or bite marks. The students used ice cream sugar cones, frosting, and little candies to create the festive trees. Grade 8 Math is wrapping up topic #3. Next week will be the review and test. Topics such as relation, function, constant rate of change, initial value, linear function, nonlinear function, and qualitative graph have all been covered.

4K News: Our Bible story was Jesus is Born. We talked about how Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem and had to stay in a stable. We started a new reading unit talking about Rhymes, Jingles, and Poems. We are talking about the number 6 and the letter K. Our shapes are star and rhombus. Thank you for your generosity to our Giving Tree gift. I was able to purchase toys and clothes for the child we chose. I am looking forward to hearing your children share the good news of Jesus' birth this coming Sunday.

Kindergarten News: On Saturday the 16th, for the 9am practice, please have your children meet me in the classroom before 9. You will pick them up in the classroom at 11. On Sunday the 17th, the classroom will be open no earlier than 30 minutes before the service. Please make sure your children are dressed, having gone to the bathroom, and are ready to go in the classroom before the services. To my girl parents, please keep in mind your child with what they are wearing. Standing and sitting in a dress with tights looks beautiful, but make sure they know we don't lift our dresses when we are up front. :)

1st Grade News: First grade has practiced really hard for our Christmas Program on Sunday. Our final rehearsal will be Saturday from 9-11am. On Sunday, we perform twice....once at 10:30am and again at 4pm. Please have your child to the classroom by 10am and 3:30pm on Sunday. We will be back to usual schedule starting on Monday. However, our classroom Christmas party will be Thursday afternoon.

2nd Grade News: 2nd grade is keeping busy! We are learning how to tell the difference between solids and liquids in science, reading a novel (based on a true story) about a family who traveled west by wagon in social studies, and have started learning to write in cursive! We also made our parent gifts and had fun decorating Christmas trees with our flocks. We are looking forward to all things Christmas!