

Our mission is to serve God by serving others! Hope is our business!

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Serving Today: Terri DePatis, worship director; our children, special music; Brent McArdle, liturgist; Laura Heubner, greeter; Advent candle lighting, Prather family; Eric Heubner & Tyler Britton, technology; Tracie Sampson, children’s ministries & children’s message; Antoinette Bidlingmaier, nursery director; Jake Sampson, custodian; Jan Koch, adm. asst.; Laura Heubner, fin. sec.; Pastor Rick.

10:30 a.m. Dec. 8, 2024



Opening	“What Child Is This?”	Screen, #227
Greeting		Pastor
Video		
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Prather family
Prayer		Pastor
Children’s Christmas Program		Insert
Holy Scripture	Luke 1:5-22	
Message	“the bridge”	Pastor
Carol	“Sing We Now of Christmas”	Screen, #237
Benediction		Gary
Postlude		Terri

New here? We welcome you! If you have a question, a greeter is happy to answer it for you. Please fill out a “Make a Connection” card in the bulletin. We no longer pass the collection plates — they’re at the back of the sanctuary and at the sanctuary entrance if you wish to give. Nursery care is available downstairs today beginning at 9:30.

Announcements!

THE BRIDGE! If we look through the New Testament and think about who — aside from Jesus, of course — is the most intriguing figure, many of us would point to John the Baptist. The other principal candidates would likely be either Peter, Paul, or Mary Magdalene. But John stands apart. His birth was foretold and the stories of John and Jesus intertwine during the birth stories and later as John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan. Jesus, John, along with Jesus’ brother James, are also mentioned in Josephus’ writings. John’s fiery temperament and fearlessness often bring to mind the great prophets of the Old Testament, and, of course, John is often likened to Elijah. For these reasons, he is often seen as a bridge between the Old and New Testaments. Remember what Jesus said of John in Matt. 11:11: **“I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist.”** Jesus adds in verse 14: **“And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come.”**

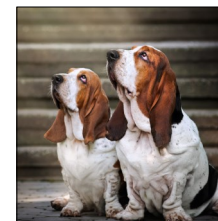


Pastor Rick & Cindy



HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST! We have several great opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ over the Holidays. First, this Sat., Dec. 14, we’ll furnish a home for a mom and her children at the Mercy House. It will be the 33rd home we’ve furnished. We leave PUMC at 8 a.m. Then, on Christmas Eve, we’ll feed the poor at Kumler. We cook here at the church through the afternoon, leave at 4, and begin serving at 5. Shown at left is the crew that completed our 32nd Mercy House on Oct. 19. Questions about the Mercy House? Call Dana at 899-2918. About Kumler? Call Mary at 899-8644.

LOTS OF STUFF IS HAPPENING! We encourage everyone to go by the live nativity scene at Bethlehem Lutheran from 5:30 to 7:30 this evening. Our youth will be there — dressed in costume! The evening of Christmas music is 6:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 11, in the sanctuary with refreshments following. Next Sunday, Dec. 15, bring your pets in for the 9 a.m. blessing of the animals. That afternoon at 3 the Menard County Singers will perform over at Bethlehem Lutheran.



PETERSBURG UMC

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Worship is at 8 & 10:30 Sundays; Sunday School is at 9:30.

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Claussen; Youth: Cody & Eric Heubner; YOSM: Joe & Susie Pokorny;
Operation Christmas Child: Helene Atkinson; Mercy House: Dana Blair;
Kumler: Mary Bradford; Sew & Sew's: Marsha Winner;
UMW: Ginny Ramage; Children's Ministries.: Tracie Sampson;
Cong. Care: Karen Barrett; Web & Tech: Eric Heubner & Jake;
New Church Chr: Kate Becker

SMALL GROUPS

- ◆ **Men's breakfast group** at The Corner Café at 8 Wednesdays. Call Paul at 801-5254.
- ◆ **Women's Bible Fellowship** here at 8 a.m. Fridays, but will take a break for the holidays and re-start in January. They're studying the Book of Acts. Call Helene at 899-5210.
- ◆ **Saturday morning men's group** here at 7 & on Zoom. They're studying John's Gospel. Call Joe at 899-2744.
- ◆ **Advent Study** 9-11 Mondays. Call Ginny at 303-618-9134.

Received this week (Dec. 1-7)	\$3,847
Total gifts received this calendar year through Dec. 7	\$227,687
Needed through Dec 7	\$211,432
Needed each week: \$4,384 · Attendance Dec. 1: 81 · On YouTube: 40	

Total Future Building Funds raised (as of Dec. 1)	\$1,404,519.21
Investment gains/loss since investing	\$213,005.95
Total Future Building Fund Expenses (includes land purchase, architect's fee & consultants' fees)	\$207,240.54
Future Building Funds Now Available	\$1,410,284.62



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Worship at 8 & 10:30

Late service  on YouTube

IT'S THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT!



“the bridge”

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