

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 13, 2020



*Sharing the
Truth of Christ's
Love by Caring
for the Needs
of Everyone!*

MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 am & 6:00 pm
(Communion
every Sunday)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(ages 3 through 5th Grade)
September - May, 10:20 am

CONFIRMATION CLASS

(6th - 8th Grades)
September - May, 10:20 am

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

(9th - 12th Grades)
September - May, 10:20 am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

September - May, 10:20 am

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Last week we looked at the first source that causes discouragement, which we all suffer from at some point in our lives. Today, let's examine the second source from the Book of Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 4:10 (ESV)

"In Judah it was said, "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall."

"There is too much rubble." This statement highlights the **second source of discouragement: frustration**. The Jews were building a new wall, but old, broken rocks were thrown everywhere, along with dirt and dried-out mortar. When they looked at "too much rubble," they became discouraged and lost sight of their goal. There was so much junk in their lives they didn't know how to get on with the real business of living.

Any time you undertake an important project there'll be "rubble" to remove and sometimes it gets frustrating. You can't avoid this, but you can strive to be obedient to the Holy Spirit as He guides you on how to deal with the "rubble" and not give up on God's plan.

What "rubble" is preventing you from carrying out the task God has placed before you? Trivial things

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Prayer Requests



Those who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Kristy Bartels, Jean Brewer, Cindy Cangelosi, Andrew Caputo (Sonja Sporleder's co-worker), Rhonda Driver (Rose Harmon's daughter), Marilyn Eaves, Susan Felbinger, John Franzen (Sonja Sporleder's neighbor), Rick Kusk, Meta Meyer, Dennis Roush, Steve Schaar, (Pastor and Marilyn Eaves' son-in-law), Denny Sunderlage, and John Wieg.

Members who are residing at care centers: Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Dean Roby (Florence Nursing Home, Marengo), and Fern Warfel (Tower Hill Care Center).

Members experiencing increasing difficulties in getting out and about: Alta Dittman, Mary Jane Lindaas, Mabel Maas, Doris Meilahn, Eleanor Miller, Betty Roush, and Marnie Wesemann.

People among us and those around us who suffer from physical, emotional, economic, or coronavirus (COVID-19) pain, and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living in Huntley.

St. Peter's Mission to be revealed by the Holy Spirit and inform us of God's intention to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors.

Attendance / Offerings



ATTENDANCE

	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Sept. 6:	54	9

Sept. 13:

Sept. 20:

Sept. 27:

TRUE PRACTICE OF FAITH

Tithing is a question not of reason or convenience or what God will do for us, but of faith in God as our Creator and Owner. Tithing involves complete trust in His providential promises.

Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers are always, first and foremost, given for the glory of God.

September 13

Given by Carol Denton, in memory of Walter & Grace Otto, Carol's parents' wedding anniversary: September 17; and in memory of her and Ed's wedding anniversary: September 17.

September 20

Given by David & Carol Bahr, in honor of their 69th wedding anniversary: September 21.

Christian Education classes will begin September 20th. If you'd be willing to teach or substitute teach in either the age 3-4th grade class, the 5th grade-8th grade class, or the high school class, please tell Pastor Eaves, or call the church office as soon as possible.

Help Needed

Karen Andraski, a member of St. Peter's, has asked for help with painting at her home in Carpentersville. Her late husband, Chuck, was a dedicated trustee and member, as well. With a large group, we could do this in a day (except where a second coat is needed). The job includes: eight basement window frames, two exterior doors, two older cellar doors, railing, floor boards, and posts on two porches. All of these areas are easily accessible, not requiring a ladder. The paint will be provided, but we ask that you bring a paint brush (for exterior latex paint), a scraper, rags, and a willing heart. You also might want to bring a lunch and beverage, as well.

Please contact the church office to let them know you can help and when you're availability (week day or weekend). We hope to do this before October 1 or shortly thereafter. Questions? Call Dave or Pam Neisendorf.

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that waste your time, consume your energy, and keep you from becoming all God wants you to be? Stuff that keeps you from doing what's most important, like deepening your relationship with God, building a relationship with your spouse and children, or being active in your area of giftedness at church?

Basically, the "rubble" in life is whatever gets in your way of being the man or woman of God you have been called to be. The "rubble" is the interruptions that keep you from accomplishing God's tasks. These are the things you need to ask the Holy Spirit to help you deal with.

In other words, the "rubble" needs to go! And, like the ancient Israelites, you can't do it on your own. The Holy Spirit works through you and others to ensure that the "rubble" is removed.

Think about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and how God instructed them to care for it. It's in maintaining the blessings God has given you and listening to God that you learn the difference between what's important in life and what's not. That's a lesson you'll keep learning over and over.

Frustration is another of the big causes of discouragement and it can show up at any time. Bottom line: the "rubble" needs to go!



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***Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Christ has died! Christ is risen! He will come again!***

September Worship Assistants

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
ELDERS:	Steve Sporleder Jeff Pergande	Jeff Pergande Chuck Petersen	Steve Sporleder Paul Tegtmeier	Bob Felbinger Jeff Pergande
USHERS:	Fern Petersen	Fred Rackow	Christy Petersen	Jim Butt
GREETERS:	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Sally Hartje Nancy Miller	Dave & Pam Neisendorf
READERS:	Jeff Pergande	Sandy Dorwaldt	Fern Petersen	Steve Sporleder
ORGANISTS:	Donna Happersberger (guest organist)			
ALTAR GUILD	Dolores Schuring	Dolores Schuring	Dolores Schuring	Dolores Schuring

Birthdays

September 13	Steve Roberston
September 15	Fern Warfel Bette Wine

Baptismal Anniversaries

September 2	Stan Hecker John Hulke
September 6	Danny Petersen
September 7	Kathy Pergande
September 10	David Bahr Dave Neisendorf
September 14	Marilyn Maas
September 21	Christy Petersen
September 25	Catherine Thomas
September 28	Fern Warfel
September	Abigail Needham Jacob Needham

Circuit Forum

There is a Circuit Forum scheduled for October 4 at 1:00 pm at St. John's in Burlington. This is a voting meeting to elect a Circuit Visitor.

Members of St. Peter's are welcome to attend and encouraged to vote.

Because there have been many visitors coming on Sunday mornings to worship with us, please remember to wear your nametags.

This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday, September 13	Outdoor Worship, with Communion <i>(masks are optional)</i>	9:00 am
Sunday, September 13	Indoor Worship, with Communion <i>(masks are required)</i>	6:00 pm
Thursday, September 17	Preschool Committee Meeting	6:30 pm

~ Trunk o' Treat ~

Saturday, October 17
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



Volunteers are needed to decorate their cars and hand out candy to the trick o' treaters.

Sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid will meet Thursday, September 24 at 12:30 pm at St. Peter's.

**** Masks are required ****

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Pastor's Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Thurs.
10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tues., Fri.
10:00 am - 12:30 pm