

# St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 20, 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 - 4th Grade)  
September - May, 10:00 am

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

(5th - 8th Grades)  
September - May, 10:00 am

## HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

(9th - 12th Grades)  
September - May, 10:00 am

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

September - May, 10:00 am

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

So far in our study of discouragement, we've looked at the first two sources: fatigue and frustration. Today, I want to examine the third 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'."*

"By ourselves we cannot rebuild the wall." This statement highlights the **third source of discouragement: failure**. As the Jews were building a new wall, they quickly came to realize that they could not accomplish the task on their own. Instead of turning to the Lord, however, they conceded failure and were about to give up, complaining, "We're too tired. It's not possible. It's foolish to even try." Because they were unable to finish the job as quickly as planned, their confidence plummeted; they lost heart and became discouraged.

How do you handle failure in your life? Do you sit down and hold a pity party? Do you say, "Poor me! I can't get this job done?" Do you start complaining, "It's impossible. It can't be done. I was a fool to even try?" Or, do you blame other people, saying they let you down, they didn't do their part of the job.

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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), 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: | 49      | 11      |
| 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 20

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

### September 27

Given by Pastor and Marilyn Eaves, in honor of Tim & Yvonne Martin's wedding anniversary: September 28.

## 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 available (week day or weekend). We hope to do this before October 1 or shortly thereafter. Questions? Call Dave or Pam Neisendorf, 847.525.1354 or 847.264.0493.

**Don't forget to wear your nametag on Sunday!**

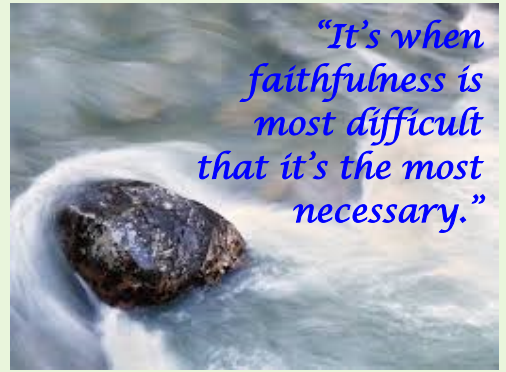
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The difference between those who succeed and those who fail is that those who succeed see failure as a temporary setback. They've learned to look beyond the failure, whereas those who fail see failure as permanent. Each time those who succeed get knocked down, they follow the advice of **Proverbs 24:16 (ESV)**: "... for the righteous falls seven times and rises again."

There's a saying: "In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins—not through strength but through perseverance." It's when faithfulness is most difficult that it's the most necessary.

So, when you get discouraged stand on the scriptural promise of **Hebrews 10:35-36 (ESV)**: "Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised."

Failure is yet another of the big causes of discouragement, and it can show up at any time. Bottom line: trust in the Lord, seek His will, be brave, be patient, and you will succeed in fulfilling His will! Remember it is the Lord at work in you and He never fails.



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

## Northern Illinois District to Host Webinar

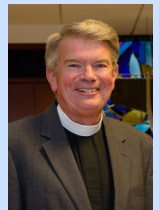
**October 17th**  
**9:00 am - 10:00 am**

Dr. Dale Meyer will speak candidly about how and why we can say, "It's a great time to be the church!"

This webinar is one of encouragement, showing us through 1 Peter how we are the Church together.  
Visit [nidlcms.org/webinar-its-a-treat-time](http://nidlcms.org/webinar-its-a-treat-time) for more information, and to register.



Dr. Dale A. Meyer is president emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, retiring in 2020 after 15 years as Seminary president. Meyer has been speaking and preaching for more than 40 years. He has written numerous sermons and columns. His areas of interest and study include 1 Peter, the church in a changing culture, and the Sabbath applied to life today.



He lives in Collinsville, IL, with his wife, Diane. They have two grown daughters, and five grandsons.

## September Worship Assistants

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

## Birthdays

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| September 21 | Dave Trupp  |
| September 22 | Jane Tegman |

## Wedding Anniversaries

|              |                   |
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| September 21 | Dave & Carol Bahr |
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## Baptismal Anniversaries

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

## ~ Trunk o' Treat ~

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



Flyers for Trunk o' Treat are available on the credenza below the bulletin board. Please take some to give to friends and neighbors. Spread the word!

## This Week at St. Peter's

|                        |  |          |
|------------------------|--|----------|
| Sunday, September 20   | Indoor Worship, with Communion<br>(masks are optional) | 9:00 am  |
| Sunday, September 20   | Indoor Worship, with Communion<br>(masks are required) | 6:00 pm  |
| Thursday, September 24 | Ladies Aid Meeting                                     | 12:30 pm |

## LWML Update



The 102 LWML members voting in the virtual Northern Ill District Convention elected the following officers to four-year terms:

VP of Christian Life: Kirsten Smith  
 VP of Communications: Lauren Olsen  
 VP of Special Focus Ministries: Hannah Russell  
 Convention Co-Chairs: Kris Blackwell and Marilyn Hess  
 Pastoral Counselor: Rev. James Buckman  
 Chairman, Nominating Committee: Teena Dorn (two-year term)

By-law Amendment changes were approved  
 Mission Mite Goal of \$157,000 was approved

The following Grants were chosen for funding:

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|--|-----------------|
| Worship Anew (ministry to aging/unchurched)      | \$17,600        |
| Jacmel Luth. Home/Center of Refuge Orphanage     | \$15,000        |
| Dr. William H. Griffin Comm. Center Food Pantry  | \$18,000        |
| Phil's Friends                                   | \$10,000        |
| Dorcas Project (Ghana women leadership training) | \$17,000        |
| Lutheran books for Buddhist SE Asia              | \$15,000        |
| Salam Christian Fellowship                       | <u>\$18,000</u> |
|  | <b>\$93,750</b> |

The LWML NID Virtual convention is available to watch at LWMLNID.org. You can also donate mites on line at the same website. Any remaining mite goal amount will go to the National LWML.

A brief explanation of each grant will be included in St. Peter's weekly Messenger.

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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