

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 27, 2020



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

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

Today, we'll examine the fourth and final source in this series of what causes discouragement found in the Book of Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 4:10-12 (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.' And our enemies said, 'They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work.' At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, 'You must return to us'."

"You must return to us." **Fourth source of discouragement: fear.** The Israelites were certain their enemies would come and kill them, and they repeatedly asked for protection.

But why did Israel's enemies not want the walls of Jerusalem to be rebuilt? Resentment! A wall around a city guaranteed its protection and prosperity. So at first they criticized the Jews; then they threatened them. But notice who got discouraged first. It was those Israelites living outside of Jerusalem. They became afraid and were the first to become discouraged.

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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: Ray Brammer, Alta Dittman, Mary Jane Lindaas, Mabel Maas, Doris Meilahn, Eleanor Miller, and Betty Roush.

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:	50	11
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 27

Given by Pastor and Marilyn Eaves, in honor of Tim & Yvonne Martin's 62nd wedding anniversary: September 28.

October 18

Given by Jeff & LeAnn Stuehler, in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary: October 20.

Quiet Time Bags for Children

There are now red "Quiet Time Bags" available in the narthex for children worshipping with us. They're labeled for Preschool through 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade on up.

If you use one of the bags, after service please place it in the box labeled for returns so that the bag and items can be wiped down.

Also, please leave any suggestions that you have for other items we could include in the bags. We would love to hear from you!

Youth and Christian Education Committee



Don't forget to wear your nametag on Sunday!

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And their fear was contagious; it spread to those living inside Jerusalem. Fear acts like a contagion, similar to a disease. But this contagion is spiritual.

It can be the same for you. When you hang around negative people long enough, you begin to pick up their negativity. When you listen to someone repeatedly say, "It can't be done," eventually you'll start to believe them. So, it's important to pick the right company. You must avoid people who strengthen your fear and align yourself with those who will build up our faith.

Are there fears that are making you feel discouraged right now and are preventing you from developing and growing? Do you fear criticism or embarrassment? Are you afraid to take that big step and look for a new job, or try something new? Maybe you're afraid you're not capable, adequate. Or you're worried that you won't hold up under pressure. What about the fear that you must be perfect? Count on it: fear will always discourages you, stifle you even!

Ask yourself: In whom am I trusting? If it's in yourself or other people, read this promise from **Deuteronomy 31:8 (ESV)**, "It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Bottom line: fear not, for God is with you! Keep in mind that Satan is working hard to sow fear and discouragement in your heart and life. Trust in the Lord Who is all powerful and is always with you.

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

It was a busy, and noisy, week here at St. Peter's as the crew began work on the parking lot. Even the preschoolers enjoyed watching all of the machinery at work.

Also, a BIG thank you to all of the men who have been doing plenty of hard work around St. Peter's over the past month. Everything is looking great!



October Worship Assistants

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
ELDERS:	Paul Tegtmeier	Chuck Petersen	Bob Felbinger	Jeff Pergande
USHERS:	Fred Rackow	Fern Petersen	Christy Petersen	Nancy Heine
GREETERS:	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Sally Hartje & Nancy Miller	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
READERS:	Jeff Pergande	Sonja Sporleder	Dennis Sunderlage	Bob Felbinger
ALTAR GUILD	Erin Real	Erin Real	Erin Real	Erin Real

Birthdays

September 27	Diane Steffens
October 1	Carol Large
October 3	Isabella Thomas

Anniversaries

October 2	Bill & Nancy Beaman
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Baptismal Anniversaries

September 28	Fern Warfel
October 1	Cindy Cangelosi
October 16	Nicole Wright
October 17	Aric Beaman
October 18	Diane Steffens
October 21	Jane Tegtman
October 27	Carolyn Follman
October 28	Isabella Thomas
October 29	Sydney Razo
October 30	Carol Large

Due to resurfacing of the parking lot this past week, the Ladies Aid meeting has been moved to Sunday, September 27, after service in the Pavilion.

This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday, September 27	Outdoor Worship, with Communion <i>(masks are optional)</i>	9:00 am
Sunday, September 27	Indoor Worship, with Communion <i>(masks are required)</i>	6:00 pm
Sunday, September 27	Ladies Aid Meeting in the Pavilion	11:00 am
Thursday, October 1	Elder's Meeting	6:30 pm

Grants NID LWML Approved



The Dorcas Project: Ghana Women's Leadership Training - \$17,000

In Ghana, women have a lower average annual income than men, are less likely to own land or property, even though they are expected to help provide for their families. The Dorcas Project: Leadership Training for Women aims to educate women leaders to understand the teachings and confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana as drawn from the Book of Concord, and who want to start a small business or expand their current businesses through financial education and understand community financial resources for women, including digital financial services, assisting women to obtain small microloans, spreading the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus, mentor other young women of the church in the communities and play a quality and focused role in spreading the good news by bringing more families to the saving knowledge of our Savior!



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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