

# St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 8, 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, 6:00 pm

## HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

September - May, 10:00 am

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

**T**he past year has been trying. So, are you tired of praying or unsure of just what to pray for? We've all been praying for an end to COVID-19 and all the unrest from racial inequality and the elections.

Paul addresses a similar dilemma in **2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV)**:

*"So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."*

We don't know what Paul's thorn in the flesh was, but it was painful enough for him to ask the Lord three times to take it away. Jesus asked God the Father to remove the Father's cup of wrath from Him three times. Both were told no.

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## Prayer Requests



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

**Members** who are residing at care centers: Meta Meyer and Ellen Nelson at The Sheridan at Tyler Creek, and Fern Warfel at 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.

**For the people** who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



## Attendance / Offerings



### ATTENDANCE

	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Nov. 1:	60	7
Nov. 8:		
Nov. 15:		
Nov. 22:		
Nov. 26:		
Nov. 29:		

### 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.**

**November 22**  
In memory of Carol Bartels, for her birthday, which was November 20, 1933.

The **Flower Chart for 2021** has been posted on the bulletin board. If you would like, you're welcome to split the cost of the flowers with someone else (\$20 apiece for one vase or \$40 for two vases).

## ~~ Seminary Giving Tree ~~

This year, the Board of Christian Education wishes to support seminary students and families at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis. A Giving Tree with red and green ornaments on it has been placed in the narthex. Each ornament has parents' or an individual child's name on it and their gift wishes. Adults ornaments give suggestions for gift cards to places where they like to eat and/or shop. You're welcome to choose one or more ornaments.

Please wrap the gifts and/or gift card individually with the recipient's full name, as well as your own name and address, so that the family can send a thank you card. Please ensure the labels are securely attached.

**Please return the gifts and place them under the Seminary Giving Tree by Sunday, December 6th.**

Thank you again for helping our future pastors and their Families have a blessed and merry Christmas.

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The fact that we have thorns in flesh should be no surprise to us. God letting us continue in our troubles and tribulations should be no surprise either.

We find the answer to this dilemma in **Luke 18:1-8 (ESV, at right)**. This is the Parable of the Persistent Widow who continues to take her case to the unjust judge who tires of her bothering him and gives her justice. Verse 1 says this parable tells us to always pray and not lose heart. Jesus concludes the parable in verse 8 by telling us He will give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night.

Will we grow weary from praying for certain things? Yes. The good news is that the Holy Spirit tweaks our prayers, and God the Father does answer them. He just does it in His time and in His way. Trust in the Lord, pray, and wait for Him.

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

“And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in



that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming’.” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

***Thank You!***

*I wish to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, concerns, food, gifts, and visits I have received during my recovery after my surgery. Pastor and I are blessed to be part of such a caring and loving congregation. Thank you. God bless you all.*

*Marilyn Eaves*

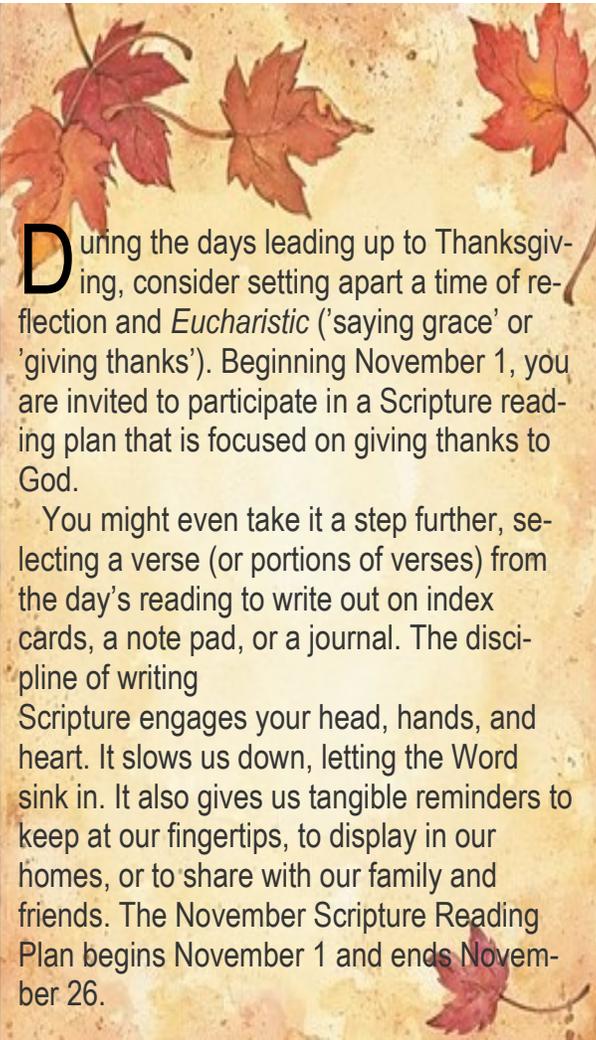


**November Worship Assistants**

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Paul Tegtmeier	Chuck Petersen	Bob Felbinger	Jeff Pergande
<b>USHERS:</b>	Jim Butt	Fred Rackow	Fern Petersen	Christy Petersen
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Carol Wieg & Bette Wine	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Sally Hartje & Nancy Miller	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
<b>READERS:</b>	Sandy Dorwaldt	Steve Sporleder	Fern Petersen	Jeff Pergande
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Kathy Pergande	Kathy Pergande	Kathy Pergande	Kathy Pergande

Birthdays	
November 3	Ted Tegtman
November 4	Claudia Andrews
November 4	LeAnn Stuehler
November 5	James Heine
November 6	Ethan Stuehler
November 8	Becky Needham
Baptismal Anniversaries	
November 5	Andrea Stuehler

This Week at St. Peter's		
<b>Sunday, November 8</b>  <b>Veterans Day Remembrance</b>	Worship, with Communion <i>(masks are optional)</i>	9:00 am
	Christian Education  Worship, with Communion <i>(masks are required)</i>	10:00 am  6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, November 11</b>	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
	Outreach Committee Mtg.	6:00 pm
<b>Thursday, November 12</b>	Ladies Aid Mtg.	12:30 pm



**D**uring the days leading up to Thanksgiving, consider setting apart a time of reflection and *Eucharistic* ('saying grace' or 'giving thanks'). Beginning November 1, you are invited to participate in a Scripture reading plan that is focused on giving thanks to God.

You might even take it a step further, selecting a verse (or portions of verses) from the day's reading to write out on index cards, a note pad, or a journal. The discipline of writing Scripture engages your head, hands, and heart. It slows us down, letting the Word sink in. It also gives us tangible reminders to keep at our fingertips, to display in our homes, or to share with our family and friends. The November Scripture Reading Plan begins November 1 and ends November 26.

**Congregational Assembly**

November 15th Congregational Assembly (10:30 am)

- Voting on the 2021 budget
- Seeking members to join various boards

Questions? Contact Pastor Eaves (701.340.8324), President Fred Rackow (847.683.3783), or Vice President Jim Butt (847.464.5261).

**Church Outreach**

On the bulletin board in the narthex is a spreadsheet with every person listed in our directory. Some of these people, because of COVID-19, have not been able to join us for worship on Sundays. If you feel led, would you please take some time to reach out to them, either by phone call or sending a card (if they don't have a phone number)? We want them to know that they're missed and that we hope they're doing well.

If you decide to do this, please put your initials beside the names of those you intend to connect with. Thank you!

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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