

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 22, 2020



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

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 am
(Communion celebrated
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

Part of our journey in life is dealing with things that have happened to us along the way. We're shaped by our life experiences. Everything from birth until our present day plays some role in our formation. All the things that happen to us—good, bad, and everything in between—are instrumental in determining how we'll act and react for the rest of our life.

Philippians 3:13-14 (ESV)

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul speaks of forgetting the past and looking forward to the future. You might ask, though, "What did Paul have to forget?" A lot! On Paul's orders, Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death while he looked on. Before he met Christ on the road to Damascus, Paul routinely imprisoned and put Christians to death. The fact is, if Jesus had not intervened to create a right spirit in Paul so he could overcome his past, Paul would never have written half of the New Testament and helped to establish a church that would last two millennia. Was Paul perfect? Not even close!

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Prayer Requests



Those who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Kristy Bartels, Carol Boeck (COVID-19), Jean Brewer, Rhonda Driver (Rose Harmon's daughter), Marilyn Eaves, 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 difficulties in getting around: Alta Dittman, Mary Jane Lindaas, Mabel Maas, Doris Meilahn, Eleanor Miller, and Betty Roush.

People suffering from physical, emotional, economic, or coronavirus (COVID-19) pain, and residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

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

For the people who are grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the family of Ray Brammer.



Attendance / Offerings



ATTENDANCE

	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Nov. 1:	60	7
Nov. 8:	53	8
Nov. 15:	37	7
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.

~~ Seminary Giving Tree ~~

There are still **4 ornaments** left on the Giving Tree!

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.

The Cangelosi & Petersen families would like to thank everyone for their love, support, and prayers over the past few weeks.

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Philippians 3:12 (ESV)

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.”



The same thing happens to us as believers when we come to faith and when we're marked with the waters of Holy Baptism. There is nothing we can do to reconcile us to God the Father. It's all the work of Jesus Christ, Who lived a sinless life, suffered, died on the cross for our sins, and rose

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from the dead on Easter morning. All of His work makes it possible for our sins to be forgiven. The Holy Spirit convicts our hearts and when we stop refusing God's gracious gift of salvation, the Holy Spirit places the free gift of faith into us. From that point on, the Holy Spirit leads us into and keeps us in the one true faith.

Martin Luther said the old Adam is drowned and the new Adam rises up so that we are new creations in Christ. He also told us to remember that the old Adam is a very good swimmer. He keeps coming back.

While it's true that experiences in our past help mold us, we shouldn't continue to look to the past. Instead, we need to move forward and upward into the arms of our prize, Jesus Christ, as the Apostle Paul reminds us to do. The only place the past should live is in our memory and the only power it has over us is the power we give it. So, start looking forward by digging into God's Word, use the gift of prayer, and serve others so that they can join us as we move forward into Christ.

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

Greeting Cards

The Ladies' Aid has greeting cards for sale in the library. Please put your money in the plastic box provided.

Scrip Cards

Scrip cards are now available and you can also request cards, if we don't have them. Lists are on the table in the library.

Library

Please remember to check out the library for reading materials. There are books for children and adults in all categories.

November Worship Assistants

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

Birthdays	
November 19	Jessica Flatland
Baptismal Anniversaries	
November 16	Fred Rackow

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, November 22	Worship, with Communion	9:00 am
Monday, Nov. 23 - Friday, Nov. 27	LSP CLOSED Thanksgiving Break	
Wednesday, November 25	Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 pm
Thursday, November 26	OFFICE CLOSED <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	

Due to COVID restrictions recently put in place, Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus, scheduled for December 5, is cancelled.

The 2021 budget was passed as presented, with the addition of \$500 going to Bethesda.

The slate of officers, as presented on the ballot, was approved unanimously.



Calling All Decorators!

We will decorate the church for Advent / Christmas on

Saturday, November 28
@ 10:00 am

If you have any questions, please call Darlene Tegtmeier at 312.209.6971.



If you haven't already, please pick up your Butter Braid from the freezer in the church's kitchen.

Thank you!

Due to low attendance, the Sunday Evening Services will be suspended until the end of the year.

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Church Office Hours
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Pastor's Office Hours
 Mon., Wed., Thurs.
 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
 Tues., Fri.
 10:00 am - 12:30 pm