

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 29, 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

Ephesians 6:11 (ESV)

*"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the **schemes of the devil.**"*

If we're to overcome the wily schemes of the devil (referenced above), we need to know what those schemes are. After all, just as he harassed God's children in the Garden, he continues to work through the same means today.

Fear is one scheme. Satan wants us to be afraid because fear mentally disarms us. It causes us to lose perspective and thus renders us ineffective for God's Kingdom.

But how do we fight fear? With God and His Word. **Psalm 46:1 (ESV)** says: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."* Satan tries to cast doubt in our minds in an attempt to discredit the goodness of God. **Don't let him!**

Titus 3:4-5 (ESV) says: *"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."*

Fretfulness is another scheme. When we become anxious and restless, Satan tries to confirm our worst fear, that God doesn't care. If he can shoot flaming arrows into our armor of hope, we'll succumb

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Prayer Requests



Those who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Kristy Bartels, Carolyn Boeck (COVID-19), Jean Brewer, Rhonda Driver (Rose Harmon's daughter), Marilyn Eaves, 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, particularly Rose Harmon, whose nephew, Matthew, recently passed away from COVID-19.

For Rose's sister (Matthew's mother), Neva, hospitalized with COVID-19, living in Missouri.

Attendance



ATTENDANCE

9:00 am 6:00 pm
27

Nov. 25:

Nov. 29:

Dec. 2:

Dec. 6:

Dec. 9:

Dec. 13:

Dec. 16:

Dec. 20:

Dec. 23:

Dec. 24:

Dec. 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.

November 29

Given by Pastor & Marilyn in honor of Marilyn's Aunt Jeanette Knief's 99th birthday, which is today.

December 13

Given by Don & Sandy Dorwaldt, in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary, which is December 9th.

December 20

Given by Dick & Kristy Bartels, in memory of both sets of parents who have gone home to be



Showing Jesus to others is so simple, yet so profound a gift. Here are two ideas in which you can "be Jesus" to those around you during this Christmas season.

GRATITUDE

Saying "thank you" is a gift in itself, but putting our appreciation into writing can be even more meaningful, especially during this year when so many have given so much of themselves. Who can you bless today with a card or letter of thanks?

PATIENCE

Sometimes we reserve our kindest actions for strangers, while letting ourselves deal irritably with those closest to us. Try to find a way this Christmas season to bless your spouse, child, sibling, or friend, by telling them how much you love and appreciate them.

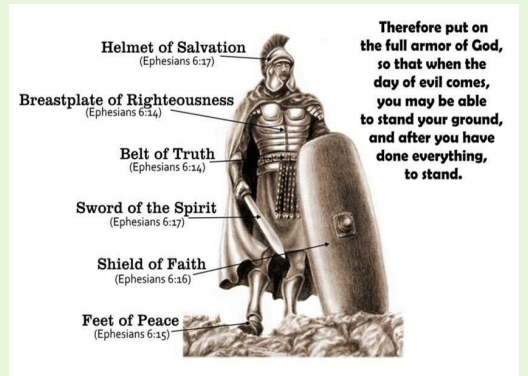
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to discouragement and doubt. So, remember **Psalm 86:7 (ESV)**: *“In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.”*

The Lord is faithful to His Word; He cannot lie. He promises to be near us even in our darkest hour, as **Psalm 34:18 (ESV)** says: *“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”* Satan will do his best to capitalize on our weaknesses. **Don’t acknowledge him!**

Forgetfulness is yet another scheme. If he can’t lure us away by fear and fretting, one of the most effective tools in his arsenal is to hit us with spiritual amnesia, which robs us of memories concerning God’s faithfulness in the past. Satan distorts facts, jumbles information, and minimizes past experiences. When we begin to lose the sense of who we are in Christ, the devil tempts us to look to our self-identity rather than to our God-identity as His handiwork. **Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)**: *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”* Our Heavenly Father calls us masterpieces, which Satan wants us to forget. **Don’t!** Keep in mind **Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV)**: *“The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”*

In the face of **fear**, Jesus Christ is our Calm Assurance. When you are tempted to fall into the trap of **fretfulness**, He is our Calm Contentment. In times of **forgetfulness**, He’s our Calm Remembering. When we’re tempted to panic, remain calm and trust God!



December Worship Assistants

	ELDERS	USHERS	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR GUILD
Wednesday, December 2 <i>First Week of Advent*</i>	Paul Tegtmeier	Fred Rackow			
Sunday, December 6	Bob Felbinger	Fern Petersen	Bette Wine	Sonja Sporleder	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
Wednesday, December 9 <i>Second Week of Advent*</i>	Jeff Pergande	Christy Petersen			
Sunday, December 13	Chuck Petersen	Nancy Heine	Marilyn Eaves & Dolores Schuring	Paul Tegtmeier	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
Wednesday, December 16 <i>Third Week of Advent*</i>	Steve Sporleder	Jim Butt			
Sunday, December 20	Paul Tegtmeier	Fred Rackow	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Marilyn Eaves	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
Wednesday, December 23 <i>Fourth Week of Advent*</i>	Bob Felbinger	Fern Petersen			
Thursday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm</i>	Jeff Pergande	Nancy Heine			
Thursday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm</i>	Chuck Petersen	Christy Petersen			
Thursday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve, 11:00 pm</i>	Steve Sporleder	Jim Butt			
Sunday, December 27	Bob Felbinger	Fred Rackow	Sally Hartje & Nancy Miller	Fern Petersen	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier

*Dessert will be served after each Wednesday night Advent Service

Birthdays

November 23	Mabel Maas Bart Needham
November 24	Scott McBride

Baptismal Anniversaries

November 24	Julie Buttrum
November 29	Gina Siena

This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday, November 29	Worship, with Communion	9:00 am
Wednesday, December 2	Confirmation Class First Week of Advent Service	6:00-6:45 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 3	Elder's Mtg.	6:30 pm

Food Pantry Update

Thirty-four families (142 people) were served this month. Items we are short on are dish soap, laundry soap, deodorants, big cans of chicken, Kleenex tissues, grape and strawberry jelly/jam, packaged cookies, and variety crackers.

LWML Zoom Advent Service

SAVE THE DATE!

On Monday, December 7 at 7:00 pm, there will be a Zoom service with Women in Mission Northern Illinois District. This service is open to all women. A link to the service will be included in next week's Messenger.

Dessert will be served after each Advent Service (December 2, 9, 16, & 23).



Volunteers are needed to provide and/or serve these desserts.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex beneath the Flower Chart on the credenza.

Thank you very much!
Beth Jack

**IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK
A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!**



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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