

# St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2, 2021

## SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 am  
(Communion celebrated every Sunday)

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Ages 3 - 8th Grade)  
September - May, 10:00 am

## HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

(6th - 8th Grades)  
September - May, 6:00 pm

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

September - May, 10:00 am

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

MESSENGER

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Years ago, there was a best-selling country song with the lyrics, "Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die." Why? Sometimes it's because we're not sure that we're ready. But you can be. How?

**First**, You can prepare spiritually and emotionally. Jesus says in **John 11:25-26 (ESV)**: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'"

When you put your trust in Christ, death is not the end for you but the beginning of the best version of you.

**Second**, You can prepare relationally. How? By letting the key people in your life know on a regular basis how much you care about them. You must also forgive anyone who has hurt you and seek their forgiveness if you hurt them.

**Matthew 6:15-16 (ESV)** says: "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Paul says in **Philippians 1:23 (ESV)**: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account."

Why did Paul say heaven was far better? Because Paul knew as we know that being in Heaven with Jesus, the Father, the Holy Spirit, and all believers is the absolute fulfillment of all our good desires and joy.

*For the believer,  
death means we get  
to go Home.*

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## Prayer Requests



**Those** who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Burt Andrews, Rev. Reuben and Martha Baerwald (friend of George and Bette Wine) Kristy Bartels, Jean Brewer, Don Dorwaldt, Rhonda Driver (Rose Harmon's daughter), Lee Eaves (Pastor Eaves' younger brother), Les Herman, Lynn Hubbs and family and Neva (Rose Harmon's niece and sister), Ernst Kohn, Christy Kurtz (Sonja Sporleder's neighbor), Dennis Roush, LeAnn Stuehler (broken ankle), Marilyn Thompson, Lenore Von Kaenel, and John Wieg.

**Members** who are residing in healthcare centers: Dave Bahr (Avondale Estates), Meta Meyer and Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Fern Warfel (Tower Hill Care Center), and Mary Jane Lindaas (Bethany Healthcare).

**Members** experiencing difficulties in getting around: Alta Dittman, Mabel Maas, Doris Meilahn, Eleanor Miller, and Betty Roush.

**People** suffering from physical, emotional, economic, or COVID-19 pain, and the 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 a loved one.

## Attendance



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**April 25:** 56

**May 2:**

**May 9:**

**May 16:**

**May 23:**

**May 30:**

### 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 Guild



**Altar Flowers are always, first and foremost, given for the glory of God.**

**May 2**

Given in honor of Rev. Thomas and Marilyn Eaves' 36th anniversary, May 3.

**May 16**

Given in honor of Clifford and Esther Rackow's anniversary, May 15, 1938

## Food Pantry Update

In April we served 21 families (80 people).

Our current needs are: canned tomatoes (diced, stewed, sauce), variety crackers, variety cookies, cake mixes, Hamburger Helper, grape jelly and strawberry jam.



Thank you for supporting the Hampshire / Burlington Food Pantry. Your donations make a difference!



Mary Jane Lindaas has moved to Bethany Healthcare in DeKalb. It was a difficult decision but a necessary one. If you feel led, please send Mary Jane a note of encouragement. Her address is 3298 Resource Parkway, DeKalb, IL 60115. *Thank you!*

David felt the same way. **Psalm 16:11 (ESV)** says: “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

While it may be natural to fear death, a person should only fear not having a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. For the believer, death means we get to go Home. This is the ultimate home where there is no more pain, tears, death, sin, Satan, or sorrow. Who would fear going there and who wouldn't want to go to that home?

*O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (KJV)

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



**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Thursday, May 13 @ 7:00 pm

**FILL THE PEWS**  
Sunday, May 9

**!!! PASTRY PICKUP !!!**

If you ordered a pastry from Little Saints Preschool, please pick up your order on **May 5, between 11:30 am and 2:00 pm**. Please come to the front office and it will be given to you there.

If you cannot come on May 5, please call Christy Petersen and make alternative arrangements. Her number is 847.464.9908.

**Worship Assistants**

	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>
<b>May 2</b>	Steve Sporleder	Christy Petersen		Sonja Sporleder	Dolores Schuring, LeAnn Stuehler
<b>May 9</b>	Jeff Pergande	Fred Rackow		Paul Tegtmeier	Dolores Schuring, LeAnn Stuehler
<b>May 16</b>	Bob Felbinger	Jim Butt		Marilyn Eaves	Dolores Schuring, LeAnn Stuehler
<b>May 23</b>	Steve Sporleder	Nancy Heine		Carol Wieg	Dolores Schuring, LeAnn Stuehler
<b>May 30</b>	Jeff Pergande	Fern Petersen		Dennis Sunderlage	Dolores Schuring, LeAnn Stuehler

Birthdays	
May 1	Ed Wesemann
May 5	Nancy Heine
May 8	Betty Roush
Wedding Anniversary	
May 3	Rev. Thomas & Marilyn Eaves
Baptism Anniversaries	
May 2	Susan Felbinger
May 4	Andrew Schuring
May 8	Steve Sporleder

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, May 2	Outdoor Worship Service	9:00 am
	Donut Sunday & LWML Mite Sunday Christian Education	10:00 am
Wednesday, May 5	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
Thursday, May 6	Ladies Aid Mtg.	12: 30 pm
	Midweek Bible Study Lesson Two: Noah's Vineyard Elders Mtg.	1:30 pm  6:30 pm
Saturday, May 8	Men's Bible Study, with Breakfast Lesson Two: Joshua	7:00 am

### Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

#### LWML National Convention – June 24-27, 2021

Livestream the convention (all sessions and worship services) on the LWML website: [www.lwml.org/2021-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2021-convention).

#### Participate In a Virtual Mission Walk!

Participate in the National LWML convention's Photo Finish Mission Walk in your local area. Collect pledges or mission dollars, and choose a time and date for your walk. Go to [www.lwml.org/2021-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2021-convention) for details.

#### Convention Highlights and Mission Grants Videos

Videos of convention highlights and adopted 2021-2023 Mission Grants will be available in digital formats for download (at no cost) in early Fall 2021. Go to [www.lwml.org/2021-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2021-convention) for details. Watch for information on the LWML website, on Facebook, in eNews, and in the Fall 2021 Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. They will also be available for viewing on the LWML YouTube channel.

#### LWML Convention Registration

Registration for the convention in Lexington has been halted since they are at capacity restrictions due to Covid-19. If you're interested in attending, click on the link [www.lwml.org/2021-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2021-convention) and fill out the form for the waitlist. If and when registration reopens, they will take registrations in the order they applied on the waitlist.



"Pure Disney Magic!"  
- Robbie Butler, SoCalTheatre.com

**May 14, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Movie: Moana**  
**Potluck Dinner: Polynesian/Hawaiian**  
**Popcorn Bar**

Link to livestream St. Peter's Worship services every Sunday: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY-0ZhtspZkK7vIpJ7DEY1Q>

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