

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 30, 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

Don't Go By Your Feelings

God gave you feelings, and you should never be ashamed of them. They can alert you to danger and give you insight into various situations. God actually uses our feelings to draw us closer to Him and to highlight areas in our lives that need to be submitted to His Holy Spirit. But feelings are subjective; you can't always trust them.

Old feelings can creep back in and make us feel fearful, ashamed, hopeless, not good enough, unlovable, victimized, helpless and resentful. Satan uses these old feelings to take our focus off of God so that he can succeed in luring us away from God. Events such as the ending of a relationship, stress, problems at work, problems at home, times of change, or illness can trigger these reactions. Other times there seems to be no reason for their return. So you must "test your feelings," otherwise you'll end up living a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God.

It can be disastrous to act on what you see, hear, and feel. Instead of reacting to feelings, learn to act on what God's Word says. That's the gold standard, and it never changes! For instance, even if you feel like you can walk on water, you can only do it if God has called you to step out of the boat. Paul says in Philippians 1:9-11 (ESV), "It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

Bottom line: you're not defined by your feelings; you're defined by what God says about you. You may feel worthless, but God says in Isaiah 43:4 (ESV), "Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. You may feel like a failure, but God says Romans 8:1 (ESV), "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

*Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Prayer Requests



Those who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Rev. Reuben and Martha Baerwald (friends of George and Bette Wine) Kristy Bartels, Jean Brewer, Don Dorwaldt, Rhonda Driver (Rose Harmon's daughter), Les Herman, Lynn Hubbs and family and Neva (Rose Harmon's niece and sister), Ernst Kohn, Christy Kurtz (Sonja Sporleder's neighbor), Linda Mandell, Alyssa (friends of Pastor and Marilyn Eaves), Joe Nelson (Pastor Eaves' nephew-in-law), Dennis Roush, Ginny Schuring, Marilyn Thompson, and John Wieg.

Members who are residing in healthcare centers: Dave Bahr (Highland Oaks), 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 those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Attendance



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April 25:	56
May 2:	61
May 9:	58
May 16:	47
May 23:	53
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 30

Flowers are given today in memory of all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives, in the military while fighting to defend our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Carpentersville, IL

National Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) grant number 30 is for \$100,000 for Redeeming Life Maternity Home, IL Expansion Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries. Illinois has some of the most liberal abortion laws in the country with 42,441 children aborted in 2020! This grant will help Redeeming Life support a deaconess to serve in the new Carpentersville area home and help offset the costs during the first two years of operating a safe and stable home (rent, utilities, food, etc.) and provide program services for the women to be served. The goal is for the women to live independently and offers many opportunities for them to understand that, in Christ, there is forgiveness, peace, hope, and unconditional love. To read about this grant as well as all 34 of the grants being voted on, please go to lwml.org.



St. Peter's now has two advocates for the Redeeming Life Maternity Home. You can contact Pamela Andrews (630-715-2690) or Kathy Pergande (630-863-3210) for more information or concerning donations.

Ladies Aid won't meet for the months of June, July, and August. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Blessings from Little Saints!

We have successfully completed our preschool year! We feel blessed and happy that we were able to celebrate these preschoolers properly.

Our end-of-the-year picnic was wonderful, thanks to the beautiful weather! We said goodbye to our Pre-K class with a lovely ceremony. Now, they're off to bigger and better things, and we'll miss them! We certainly wish them well in their new adventure!

Sadly, we're saying goodbye to Nancy Beaman, who's been an assistant for more than eight years. We wish Nancy the very best as she begins a new chapter in her life! We're excited to welcome Jennifer Flatland this Fall as an assistant. I know the boys and girls will love her, and she'll be a fantastic addition! She's an alumna of Little Saints herself, and now she'll be a teacher here!

We're thrilled that our enrollment for next year took off! We still have a few spots left in our three-year-old class. Pass along our preschool information to anyone who is interested!

We hope everyone enjoys the summer,
Kristina Kolodziej, Director/Teacher



2021 LWML Convention, Lexington, KY

The National LWML Convention Board is asking attendees to donate the following items for Gifts From The Heart to selected recipients. Your donations mean the world to them!

Assurance for Life Ministry

Assurance is a specialized health clinic serving Lexington and the surrounding areas, providing free medical services, compassionate counsel, and support to individuals facing unplanned and often crisis pregnancies. They also minister to those experiencing issues from past abortions. Please bring new or gently used items for the Assurance Ministry's REACH boutique. Items with an * are highest need.

Bed and Bath Items: Baby toiletries (shampoo, soap, lotion, etc.) baby bath towels, baby wash cloths, burp cloths, crib sheets, laundry baskets (small or collapsible*)

Diapers and Clothes: Disposable diapers (Size 3*), wipes*, clothing (new, sizes NB-12 months, (onesies, sleepers, outfits, gowns, coats, etc.), diaper bags

Books and Toys: Rattles, Teething Rings, etc.*, small "First" Christian books (board books, vinyl books, Arch books*)

***Arch Books.** The deadline for direct delivery for Arch books is past but books can still be purchased and given to Marilyn Eaves to take to the convention.

Food Bank: Gift cards to stores like Walmart and Target in denominations of \$10, \$20, and \$25 are most appreciated.

MOST Ministries provides vision testing and recycled prescription eyeglasses to impoverished people living in developing nations around the world. This eyeglass ministry allows team members to reach out with Christ's love and engage in sharing the Gospel. Donations of your used eyeglasses will support this mission outreach.

Worship Assistants

	ELDERS	USHERS	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR GUILD
May 30	Jeff Pergande	Fern Petersen	Carol Wieg	Dennis Sunderlage	Dolores Schuring LeAnn Stuehler
June 6	Bob Felbinger	Christy Petersen	Marilyn Eaves Dolores Schuring	Bob Felbinger	Carol Wieg
June 13	Steve Sporleder	Fred Rackow	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Sandy Dorwaldt	Carol Wieg
June 20	Jeff Pergande	Jim Butt	Sally Hartje Nancy Miller	Kathy Pergande	Carol Wieg
June 27	Bob Felbinger	Nancy Heine	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Steve Sporleder	Carol Wieg

Birthday	
June 1	Linda Meyer
Baptism Anniversaries	
June 1	Teddy Beaman Linda Wesemann Erika Siena
June 3	Joy Sunderlage
June 5	Gordon Gehrke

Food Pantry Update

In May, we served 25 families (71 people).



This month we'd like to encourage donations of cleaning products like: disinfectant cleaners, sprays, wipes, window cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, shower and bath tub cleaners, furniture polish, small bottles of bleach, garbage bags, oven cleaners, rubber gloves, sponges, etc.

Thank you for your support!

WALCAMP TEEN CANOE TRIP

Take a week to explore what faith means to you while floating the Rock River and tent camping with other teens. Get close and personal with the God of creation who wants to rock your world!



Ages: 12-17
Dates: June 2-July 2
Cost: \$490

For more information or to register, go to www.walcamp.org or call 815.784.5141.

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, May 30	Outdoor Worship Service Christian Education	9:00 am 10:00 am
Monday, May 31	OFFICE CLOSED <i>Memorial Day</i>	
Thursday, June 3	Midweek Bible Study <i>Lesson: Abraham Gets a Cave</i> Elders Mtg.	1:30 pm 6:30 pm
Saturday, June 5	Men's Bible Study, with Breakfast <i>Lesson: Samson</i> LWML Quarterly Bible Study	7:00 am 1:30 pm

Weekly Announcements

Vacation Bible School (July 19-23): Registration is now open. Forms are available in the narthex near the VBS display, as well as a box for completed forms. Children age 4 through 6th grade are welcome. Please let friends and family know and refer them to our church website to register. "Adventure on Discovery Island...Quest for God's Great Light" is the theme. Pray that all we do will be pleasing to God.



To date, 12 applications have been received!

Next Outdoor Worship Service: June 13, 2021

Next Men's Bible Study, with Breakfast: June 5, 7:00 am

Next Women's LWML Bible Study: June 5, 1:30 pm
Lesson: Come Unto Me, Ye Weary
 If you have a Quarterly, you may read ahead, or Pastor can

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

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