

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 1, 2021



*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 - 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

How to Avoid a Shipwreck, Part 1

The apostle Paul was a prisoner on board a ship headed from Palestine to Rome. After they ventured through the Mediterranean Sea and docked at the island of Crete, God told Paul to advise the crew not to leave the harbor because there was going to be a great storm. Acts 27:9-10 (ESV) says, "Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, saying, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." But they wouldn't listen and they ended up shipwrecked.

Why? Impatience! Acts 27:11-12 (ESV) says, "But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there on the chance that somehow, they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there. Apparently, they had a schedule to keep. The truth is, when we allow ourselves to become impatient, we often end up in a storm.

We've all experienced crisis-ridden people who were impatient to get married, get a new job, or move to the other side of town. They didn't take time to check things out with God and they sailed right into the awaiting storms. Instead of waiting for God's choice of a mate, loneliness can drive you into the arms of the wrong person and a lifetime of misery. Making financial decisions without consulting God first can land you in debt that may take years to get out of.

Sometimes when God says no, He doesn't mean never. He's simply saying, "Not now." What He has in store for you is worth waiting for! Here's something you'd do well to keep in mind. God does a work of preparation within you to equip you for what He has in mind for you. His Word says, in Isaiah 28:16 (ESV), "Whoever believes will not be in haste." So don't get impatient and jump the gun. Isaiah 40:31 (ESV) says, "but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. So, if you want to avoid shipwrecks in your life, listen to the Lord and be patient.

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

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Prayer Requests



Those who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Rev. Reuben and Martha Baerwald (friends of 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, Linda Mandell, Mandy (33 with bone cancer), Meta Meyer (who dislocated her ankle), Lorissa Rivers (friends of Pastor and Marilyn Eaves), 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, 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



Attendance



ATTENDANCE

July 25: 45
August 1: 56
August 8:
August 15:
August 22:
August 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 Guild



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

August 15

Given by Fred & Linda Rackow, in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary, which is August 21.

Bad News ... Good News!

by Dr. Barbara Geistfeld, LFL Regional Director of Texas, June 29, 2021

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.” (John 15:18-19 NIV)

What happened in your life and in the lives of your dear family and friends in the last year? Illness, loneliness, fear of the future, death of these same family members or dear friends, depression, anxiety, loss of jobs or homes, loss of entire livelihoods, broken relationships, strained relationships? As you watch the news reports even now, do not the problems in the world become magnified until everything our hearts and minds visualize is seen through the lens of fear and uncertainty?

“I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33 NIV)

You know how someone may say to you, “I have good news and bad news. Which do you want to hear first?” Well, let’s start with the bad news. As bad as things have been in our own private world and the world around us, they are going to get worse. Our world will become more and more anti-Christian. Its values are not our values, so the distance between our beliefs and the world’s behaviors will grow exponentially as time passes. Tensions will increase, not decrease. The world *hates* us. It will *always* hate us. We know this because Jesus told us this would happen. Scripture does not paint a rosy picture of the world’s future. Think Armageddon. When we think to ourselves, *If we just work harder or pray more or fast or elect this group or that group, or try this program or that program, everything will turn out fine*, we are being very unwise. Jesus says very plainly, **“In this world you will have trouble.”** Lots of trouble. The Apostle Paul also tells us to expect trouble. Lots of trouble. He tells us to **“glory in our sufferings,”** knowing full well that suffering comes at us continually.

“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Good news doesn’t get any better than that!

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access, by faith, into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:1-5 NIV)

So where is the good news? As always, the Good News, capital “G,” capital “N,” is Jesus. He lives in our hearts through His Holy Spirit. He walks with us every minute of our lives when we remain in Him as He remains in us. The vine and the branches, the living water that overflows, the light of the world shining into the darkness through us! His light becomes our light as we live in this troubled world. Jesus gives us the perseverance, the character, the hope. Jesus helps us strengthen our trembling knees, encourages our timid souls, and frees our paralyzed voices. Yes, with Jesus, we can make things better in our world, one small victory at a time. Bad news—good news? Jesus said, **“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”** Good news doesn’t get any better than that!

Worship Assistants

	ELDER	USHER	GREETERS	READER	ALTAR GUILD
Aug. 1	Jeff Pergande	Nancy Heine	Carol Wieg	Paul Tegtmeier	Val Dorwaldt
Aug. 8	Bob Felbinger	Fern Petersen	Bette Wine	Marilyn Eaves	Val Dorwaldt
Aug. 15	Steve Sporleder	Christy Petersen	Marilyn Eaves & Dolores Schuring	Carol Wieg	Val Dorwaldt
Aug. 22	Jeff Pergande	Fred Rackow	Beth Jack	Denny Sunderlage	Val Dorwaldt
Aug. 29	Bob Felbinger	Jim Butt	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Bob Felbinger	Val Dorwaldt

Birthdays	
August 2	David Bahr Dave Neisendorf
August 5	Sarah Jack
August 8	Norm Schuring
Wedding Anniversaries	
August 7	Daniel & Ruth Ann Kowalski
August 8	Ryan & Leslie Stoner

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, August 1	Outdoor Service <i>Donut & LWML</i> <i>Mite Sunday</i> Christian Education	9:00 am 10:00 am
Thursday, August 5	Midweek Bible Study Elder's Mtg.	1:30 pm 6:30 pm

Weekly Announcements
Next Indoor Service: August 8, 2021
Next Fill The Pews: August 8, 2021

Link to livestream St. Peter's Worship services every Sunday: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY-0ZhTspZkK7vIpJ7DEY1Q>

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