

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 15, 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

10:00 am

MESSENGER

How to Avoid a Shipwreck, Part 3

Here is the final point on how to avoid shipwreck. You can't afford to be guided by circumstances alone. Acts 27:13-15 (ESV) says, "When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so, they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so, we gave way to it and were driven along."

It's foolish to ignore what God says, even when your circumstances seem to contradict it. Things may look good to you right now, yet you could be sailing straight into a storm. You say, "This decision must be okay because I feel so good about it." Do you remember the words from Debby Boone's old hit song: "It can't be wrong when it feels so right"? Feelings can lie and if God says, "Wait in the harbor," you'd better do it, because the Devil can arrange undesirable circumstances if you put out to sea.

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Notice the words: "When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity." When it comes to the important decisions in your life, there are some very specific Scriptures you can stand on:

- **Psalm 5:8 (ESV):** "Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies—make your way straight before me."
- **Psalm 25:5 (ESV):** "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."
- **Psalm 27:11 (ESV):** "Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors."
- **Psalm 143:10 (ESV):** "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground." When you pray that way, God will guide you in the right direction."

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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 loved one.



Attendance



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August 1: 56
August 8: 39
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.

August 15

Given by Beth Jack, in honor of Betty Kurtz's 80th birthday, which is August 15.

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry offers week-long counseling retreats for men and women in ministry in the midst of burnout, stress, depression, and conflicts of all kinds. Each retreat can accommodate up to eight individuals. The staff for each retreat includes two counselors, a chaplain, and volunteers who provide outstanding hospitality.

All Shepherd's Canyon Retreats are held at Standing Stones Conference & Retreat Center, fifteen miles west of Arizona's "Cowboy Town," Wickenburg, Arizona, 90 minutes from the Phoenix airport. The name, Standing Stones, comes from Old Testament references to Samuel, Joshua, Jacob, and Moses, who erected rock monuments to commemorate a great work of God's grace and mercy. God has proven Himself to perform great and wonderful acts of mercy and grace in the lives of many who have participated in the ministry of Shepherd's Canyon Retreat.

Standing Stones Conference & Retreat Center has several construction projects that have been started but have been placed on hold due to rising costs and availability of materials. Please support them with your prayers and you can also visit their website at shepherdscanyonretreat.org to find out more information and provide monetary support.

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is also in need of volunteers to help with construction work, maintenance, meal service, and housekeeping. They provide RV hookups and there's limited non-RV housing. You're invited to come for two weeks or two months or longer! Please contact Van and Teri Rice at 928-685-5211 or email scroffice44020@gmail.com for further information and scheduling.

God tells us in John 16:13 (ESV), “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; He will speak only what He hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.” We need to be tuned into God in order to hear what He wants us to do. This is why regular worship attendance, regular reception of the Lord’s Supper, regular participation in Bible study, regular personal Bible study, regular personal devotions, and service to others is so important in following God and not some happy feeling or, even worse, Satan.

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



*When the wind’s been taken out,
from under the sails of your life
when overcome by the high seas
causing you so much strife.*

*When the boat you’re in,
springs a slow and steady leak
when the waters you’re treading
make you feel faint and weak.*

*When the ship you’re steering,
turns into a total wreck . . .
when the water’s start to rise
just below your neck.*

*When all you have left is a dingy,
but the paddles can’t be found
when your longing for the safety
that comes on solid ground.*

*When you’re ready to give up,
before you abandon ship . . .
turn the helm over to Jesus
and He’ll keep you in His grip!*

By Deborah Ann Belka

Worship Assistants

	ELDER	USHER	GREETERS	READER	ALTAR GUILD
Aug. 15	Steve Sporleder	Christy Petersen	Marilyn Eaves & Dolores Schuring	Carol Wieg	
Aug. 22	Jeff Pergande	Fred Rackow	Beth Jack	Denny Sunderlage	
Aug. 29	Bob Felbinger	Jim Butt	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Bob Felbinger	

Birthdays	
August 19	Christy Petersen David Wright
Wedding Anniversaries	
August 18	Norm & Lois Tyndall
August 21	Fred & Linda Rackow
Baptism Anniversaries	
August 17	Casey Flatland
August 19	Pam Neisendorf
August 21	Elizabeth Cangelosi

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, August 15	Outdoor Service	9:00 am
Tuesday, August 17	Christian Ed. Mtg.	10:00 am
Thursday, August 19	Senior Pinochle @ St. Peter's	1:00 pm
	Midweek Bible Study Lesson: <i>Wrestling with a Stranger</i>	1:30 pm

Weekly Announcements
<p>Next Indoor Service: August 22, 2021</p> <p>LWML NID Fall Gather 2021: September 25, 8:00 am Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 195 Nesler Road, Elgin, IL. Speakers: Pastor & Sheryl DeWitt, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministry Cost: \$10 Lunch: \$12 (turkey or ham wrap), or bring your own lunch Masks: CDC recommendations for masks will be followed Questions: Call Kris Blackwell, 630.234.1491, or email her at kbwrk123@gmail.com Online Registration (by September 18): https://lwmlnid.org/event/lwml-nid-fall-gathering-2021/. Registration closes at midnight on Sept. 18 for the lunch. Mail-in Registration Forms: Available on the credenza in St. Peter's narthex. Checks payable to LWML NID. Must be postmarked by 9/15.</p> <p>Labor Day: September 6, 2021; Office will be closed</p> <p>First Days of School for LSP: September 7 & 8, 2021</p> <p>Fall Festival & Picnic: September 18, 2021</p>

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

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