

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 22, 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

Is it God's Plan?

After being anointed king of Israel, instead of immediately going to Jerusalem and claiming his throne, David was forced to spend years living like a fugitive and hiding in caves because Saul was out to take his life. More than once he must have asked himself, "What about the promise God gave me?" Then an interesting thing happened.

1 Samuel 26:7-11 (ESV) says: "So David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay around him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?' And David said, 'As the LORD lives, the LORD will strike him, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle and perish. The LORD forbid that I should put out my hand against the LORDS anointed. But take now the spear that is at his head and the jar of water, and let us go.'"

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What an opportunity David was presented with! Get rid of the man who wants to kill you, come out of hiding, and claim your throne. After all, you're already anointed to be king! It all made sense, except for one thing: it wasn't God's plan. As much as David wanted to rule Israel, he knew that in order to succeed he must do it God's way.

This story should make you think twice and pray before acting. When Abishai offered to kill Saul, he had David's welfare at heart. So be careful; your friends can give you advice contrary to God's will. That's when it's hard not to go along with it or defend your decision by rationalizing that the end justifies the means. Never let anyone, however well intentioned, persuade you to do what you know is wrong. For some this may sound familiar to advice given by parents. Mine used to tell me, "Just because

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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: 59
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.

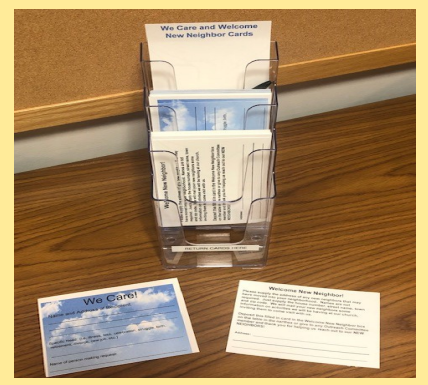
Altar Guild



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

*Please don't forget about the **We Care Cards** to use whenever you want to send a message to someone who is hurting or struggling, either within the congregation or a family member or a friend.*

They can also be used whenever a new neighbor moves into your neighborhood. These cards are a good way to invite your neighbors to church.

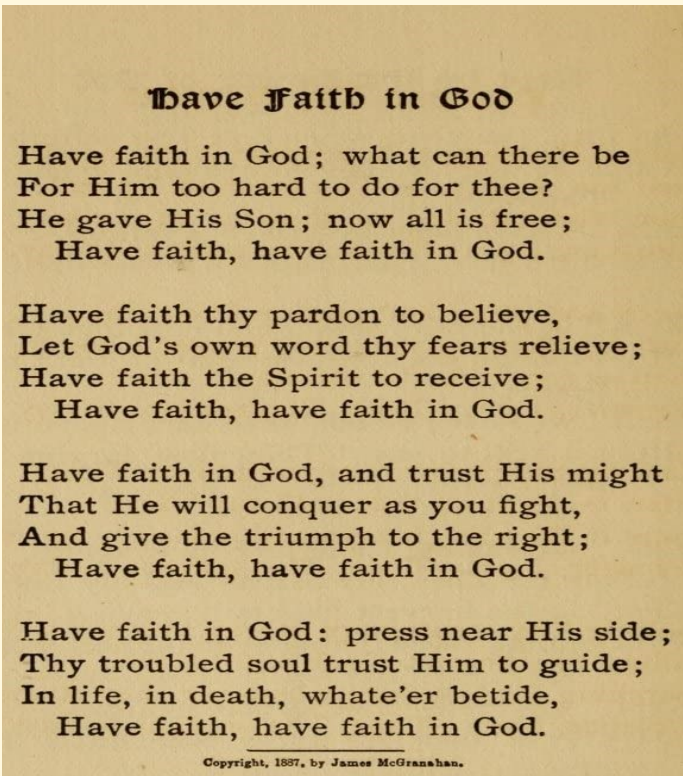


Marie Gehrke sends her thanks to the church family for their prayers, phone calls, and cards, and the beautiful planter she received recently. She is very grateful to you all for your support of her during this time. Marie says she is doing much better. Her daughter-in-law checks in with her every other day to change her support hosiery, which she will have to wear for the next two weeks.

everyone else does it doesn't make it right." This is especially true when it comes to God's way.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." So, when you are tempted to take things into your own hands or take advice from friends ask yourself, "Is it God's plan?" Go to Him in prayer and trust Him and His guidance If you do this, you'll never go wrong.

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



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 shepherds canyonretreat.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.

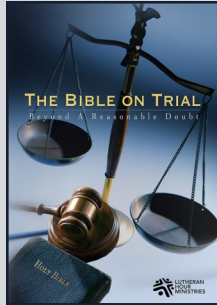
This is a very worthwhile ministry. Marilyn and I have attended one of the retreats and found it to be very helpful.

Worship Assistants

	ELDER	USHER	GREETERS	READER	ALTAR GUILD
Aug. 22	Jeff Pergande	Fred Rackow	Beth Jack	Denny Sunderlage	
Aug. 29	Bob Felbinger	Jim Butt	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Bob Felbinger	

Birthdays	
August 23	Marilyn Maas
August 24	Henry Warfel
August 25	Kathy Pergande

Christian Education is going through a new study, "The Bible On Trial: Beyond A Reasonable Doubt." This is a four-part video series, which will be followed by group discussion.



Biblical criticism, ancient historical voices, the illumination of archaeology, the testimony of first-century followers of Jesus Christ—all these come to bear on the examination of the reliability of the Scriptures in "The Bible On Trial."

The case will be made that the Scriptures are authentic, dependable, God-inspired and worthy-not only of our full attention, but of our complete faith. In this Bible study, attorney Craig Parton leads the viewer through relevant points that comprise this important discussion. He asks, "Is this book, the Bible, and its contents-reliable?"

This study addresses critical views of the Scripture, examines evidence from the ancient world, surveys how archaeology often corroborates the Biblical record and considers the word of those who were either Jesus' contemporaries or were closely connected to eyewitnesses who knew Jesus -and His remarkable life-well.

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, August 22	Indoor Service Christian Education: <i>Bible on Trial</i>	9:00 am 10:00 am
Wednesday, August 25	LPS Parent Night	6:00 pm
Thursday, August 26	Midweek Bible Study <i>Lesson: Wrestling with a Stranger</i>	1:30 pm

Looking Ahead	
Sunday, August 29	Outdoor Service
Wednesday, September 1	LSP Open House
Monday, September 6	Labor Day: OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday & Wednesday, September 7 & 8	First Days of School for LSP
Saturday, September 18	Fall Festival & Picnic
Saturday, September 25	LWML NID Fall Gather 2021
Saturday, October 9	Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 24	Church Potluck, with Guest Speaker, Lori Trinche, deaconess from NID and liaison for Redeeming Life Ministry

If you haven't already, please return your VBS evaluation form to the church office. There's a box on the counter in which to put it. It's always good to hear what people think can stay the same or be improved upon for future VBSs.

Thank you, Pam Neisendorf

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

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