

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 12, 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

Power of Kindness, Part 1

We live in a world where kindness is needed and lauded, but in reality, heartlessness seems to rule. Too many times Satan and the world lead us to believe that ruthless force is the way to get things done. So, there are times when we believe that in order to be successful, we have to be tough, hard-nosed, and stoic in how we relate to others. For far too many, even Christians, it becomes the way of dealing with all situations we disagree with, or feel are wrong, even if they aren't. In fact, many of these people go so far as to interpret kindness as weakness and vulnerability.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Kindness signals tremendous inner strength that others not only appreciate, but respect. Aesop wrote a fable in which the wind and the sun argued over who was the stronger. "Do you see that old man down there?"

the wind asked. "I can make him take off his coat quicker than you can." The sun agreed to duck behind a cloud while the wind blew up a storm. But the harder the wind blew the more firmly the traveler wrapped his coat around him. Eventually the wind gave up and the sun reappeared, smiling kindly upon the old man. Before long he mopped his brow, shed his heavy coat and strolled away. The sun knew the secret: Warmth, friendliness, and a gentle touch are always more effective than force and fury.

Jesus was hard on hypocrites and those who took advantage of others. But to everyone else, including society's rejects, He showed great kindness. He came into an unkind, dog-eat-dog, every-man-for-himself culture where there were no mental health institutions, hospitals, orphanages, or organizations of mercy. In John 18:3-11 (ESV) it says, "The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask

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and not heartlessness.*

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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), Jim Hulke (Joe's brother, suffering from COVID), Wade Hulke (Joe's son, suffering from COVID), 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, and Stacy (Jim's daughter, suffering from COVID).

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), and residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

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

For those Americans, Afghans, and foreigners trying to escape Taliban rule.

St. Peter's Mission to be revealed by the Holy Spirit and inform us of how to share Jesus' love with our neighbors.

Attendance



ATTENDANCE

September 5: 54

September 12:

September 19:

September 26:

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.

September 12

Given by Carol Denton, in memory of her and Ed's wedding anniversary (Sept. 17) and Walter and Grace Otto's wedding anniversary (Sept. 14).

September 19

Given by Dave & Carol Bahr, in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary (Sept. 21, 1951).



PORTALS OF PRAYER

Next quarter (October - December) is now available in the narthex. Large Print can be found on credenza.

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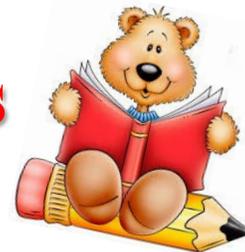
him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

Yet Jesus poured the milk of human kindness into every bowl of human suffering. And at the cross He demonstrated the ultimate cost of kindness—and in so doing, changed the world for all time.

Jesus teaches us about kindness in Romans 12:10 (ESV) which says, "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor." Jesus, our Lord and teacher, teaches us kindness and not heartlessness.

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

Little Saints Preschool



NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 2021

"...faith is the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 1:1)

One of the hardest concepts for young children (and even adults) to grasp is that we're to put our total faith in this person called Jesus, which is especially hard because we cannot see Him.

During Bible Times this year at St. Peter's Little Saints, we look forward to seeing the children respond to the concept of Jesus and what it is to be a Christian. Most people think that children too young to learn such things. *They are not!* Our goal is to bring the lessons to them on their level, using stories, songs, activities, etc. We want them to know that Jesus is real, and that He is their Savior and friend, who is with them all the time!

September's Bible verse: Matthew 28:20
(Jesus) "I am with you always."

September prayer idea:
With your child's help, find or take pictures of people and things that you can pray about (family members, pets, water, food, safety issues). Place the pictures in an album. Let your child decorate the cover and use it as a prayer guide.

Shana Flatland

Christian Faith & Life Conference

Christians in a Woke World: A call to Courage & Confession

Saturday, October 23 | 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
St. John Lutheran Church
26555 Brickville Road, Sycamore, IL

Rev. Paul Dare
Senior Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN

What does it mean to be a Christian in a work world? A baptized child of God in a world where oppressors are everywhere, where groups are pitted against each other, where natural law is ignored, where individuals are judged by the color of their skin? Where in do we find courage to speak the truth in love, confess the hope within us, and love those who despise us? The Rev. Paul Dare will present on the theme, "Christians in a Woke World." This conference is geared to both adults and teenagers. Participants will dive into God's Word, have plenty of time for Q&A, and enjoy brotherly fellowship and refreshments. Please go to stjohnsycamore.org for more information and to register.

Worship Assistants

	ELDER	USHER	GREETERS	READER	ALTAR GUILD
Sept. 12	Jeff Pergande	Fern Petersen	Carol Wieg	Kathy Pergande	Christy Petersen
Sept. 19	Bob Felbinger	Christy Petersen	Beth Jack & Betty Kurtz	Steve Sporleder	Christy Petersen
Sept. 26	Steve Sporleder	Fred Rackow	Betty Wine	Fern Petersen	Christy Petersen

Birthdays	
Sept. 15	Fern Warfel Bette Wine
Baptism Anniversary	
Sept. 14	Marilyn Maas



Grab your sweetheart and head out to WalCamp for a Ravinia-like Evening for Adults in God's Great Outdoors!

September 18, 2021
4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Acoustic Music Show with
The Dog and Pony Show
Hatchet Throwing, Archery, Canoeing,
Hayrides, Wine Pull, Caricatures,
Games

Ticket Prices:
\$60/couple

Dinner: \$15/person
(Artisan hamburger, grilled chicken,
grilled portabella mushroom,
side dishes, dessert, drinks)
Or, you're welcome to bring your own
food and drinks

Visit <https://www.walcamp.org/stars>
to purchase tickets, or call
815.784.5141.

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, September 12	Outdoor Service <i>Fill The Pews</i> Christian Education <i>The Bible on Trial</i> Children's Sunday School	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am
Thursday, September 16	Senior Pinochle Midweek Bible Study Preschool Board Mtg.	1:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm
Saturday, September 18	Fall Festival & Picnic Evening Under the Stars @ Walcamp	12:00 pm 4:30 pm- 8:30 pm
Looking Ahead		
Sunday, September 19	Indoor Service Christian Education Children's Sunday School	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am
Tuesday, September 21	Church Council Meeting	6:30 pm
Saturday, September 25	LWML NID Fall Gathering 2021	8:30 am
Sunday, October 3 <i>LWML Sunday</i>	Luncheon at Heritage House <i>(sign up in narthex)</i>	1:30 pm
Saturday, October 9	Trunk or Treat	1:00 pm
Sunday, October 24	Church Potluck, with Guest Speaker, Lori Trinche, deaconess from NID and liaison for Redeeming Life Ministry	Immediately after Service
Sunday, September 26	"Walk for Seniors" at Walcamp <i>(see bulletin board for more info)</i>	1:30 pm

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

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