

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 26, 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

Thinking Godly, Part 1

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD."
Isaiah 55:8 (ESV)

Stop and consider what this verse means. God's tasks for us and how He wants them done are not in our nature. But we can learn to think and act like God by studying His Word, understanding its meaning, and applying it to our daily lives.

First, we must identify the barriers that keep us from thinking and acting like God and start taking them down. A common barrier is, "We've always done it this way," or "We've never done it that way before." People who say this have stopped thinking of themselves. They're just putting in their time, waiting for a paycheck, and going home at the end of the day without thinking, reflecting, or even considering the possibilities of change as directed by God. If you're one of these people, it's time to wake up and start looking around you. Mind-deadening routine is the cancer of God's creativity. If you mindlessly go about your business the same way every day, your routine is opening you up to mistakes. Why? Because, chances are, your habits have caused you to lose the ability to think critically and question your methods. Start questioning policies, techniques, forms, rules, paperwork, practices, and traditions—anything that's become routine. Ask, "Why do we do that? Is it even necessary? Can we do it better?"

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Better yet, ask the most important question, "God what do *You* want me or us to do?" On the farm of effectiveness there are no sacred cows. If you insist on doing things the way they've always been done, you'll end up being out-thought, out-sold, out-produced, and finally, out of business. So, start striving to think God's way. If He's not blessing it, we need to find out what it is that He wants done.

Always understand that God speaks to us in a variety of ways. He might speak to us through

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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, Sheila Carter (Nakaila Slaughter's grandmother, passed away), Don Dorwaldt, Les Herman, Jim Hulke (Joe's brother, suffering from COVID), Wade Hulke (Jim Hulke's son, suffering from COVID), Ernst Kohn, Linda Mandell, Meta Meyer (dislocated her ankle), Linda Riley (Dave & Carol Bahr's daughter, diagnosed with PSP), Lorissa Rivers (friend of Pastor and Marilyn), Dennis Roush, Steve Schaar (Pastor & Marilyn's son-in-law, suffering an infection), Ginny Schuring, Squita (Nakaila Slaughter's mother, suffering from COVID), Marilyn Thompson, John Wieg, and Stacy (Jim Hulke'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.

Attendance



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September 5: 54
September 12: 42
September 19: 46
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.

October 10

Given by Pastor & Marilyn, in honor of their grandson, Cooper's, birthday, October 10.

October 17

Given by Bette Wine, in memory of her and George's 55th wedding anniversary, October 15.

Birthdays

9/27 Diane Steffens

10/1 Carol Large

Wedding Anniversary

10/2 Jim & Linda Butt

Baptism Anniversaries

9/28 Fern Warfel

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

To discuss church budget

**Tuesday, October 12
6:30 pm**

Volunteers Needed for Two Committees

Building Sign

The church is soliciting 7-9 people to serve on a committee to research lettering to affix to the northside of the church building. This lettering would identify us as St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Electronic Sign

The church is soliciting 7-9 people to serve on a committee to research the cost and logistics of placing an electronic sign close on our property along Plank Road.

If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please contact the church and let Denise know. Thank you!

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someone, possibly even someone we see as a dubious source, or some article. God's tasks for us are typically those things that are totally impossible, unless He blesses it. God is not about what is easy or simple.

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



UPDATED DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX



Worship Assistants					
	ELDER	USHER	GREETERS	READER	ALTAR GUILD
Sept. 26	Steve Sporleder	Fred Rackow	Betty Wine	Steve Sporleder	Christy Petersen
Oct. 3	Jeff Pergande	Nancy Heine	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Bette Wine	Erin Real
Oct. 10	Bob Felbinger	Fern Petersen	Dave * Pam Neisendorf	Jeff Pergande	Erin Real
Oct. 17	Steve Sporleder	Christy Petersen	Marilyn Eaves & Dolores Schuring	Sonja Sporleder	Erin Real
Oct. 24	Jeff Pergande	Fred Rackow	Carol Weig	Paul Tegtmeier	Erin Real
Oct. 31	Bob Felbinger	Nancy Heine	Beth Jack & Betty Kurtz	Marilyn Eaves	Erin Real

This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday, 9/26	Last Outdoor Worship Adult Christian Education: <i>Death, Then What?</i> Children's Sunday School "Walk for Seniors" at Walcamp Donations taken at start of walk. Refreshments available. Walk is two-mile marked path. Walk at your own pace. Everyone is welcome.	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 1:30 pm
Wednesday, 9/29	LSP Chapel	11:15 am
Thursday, 9/30	LSP Chapel Midweek Bible Study	11:45 am 1:30 pm
Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 10/3	Worship: <i>Donut & LWML Mites Sunday</i> Adult Christian Education: <i>Death, Then What?</i> Children's Sunday School	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am
Friday, 10/8	LSP Pastry Fundraiser begins, through 10/25 Family Movie Night: "Raya & the Last Dragon" Chinese/American-themed dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.	6:00 pm
Tues., 10/12	Church Council Meeting: <i>To discuss budget</i>	6:30 pm
Wed., 10/13	LSP Chapel	11:45 am
Thursday, 10/14	LSP Chapel	11:15 am
Saturday, 10/16	Trunk or Treat Bring your decorated trunks to hand out treats to children in our parking lot. Prizes awarded for scariest, best decorated, etc. Sign-up sheet in the narthex.	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Saturday, 10/23	Christian Life & Faith Conference "Christians in a Woke World" St. John's Lutheran, Sycamore, register at stjohnsycamore.org.	8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Sunday, 10/24	Church Potluck Guest Speaker: Lori Trinche, Redeeming Life Ministry	After Worship
Sunday, 10/31	<i>Rite of Confirmation</i>	9:00 am
Thursday, 11/11	Pastry Pick-up Day	
Saturday, 11/13	Ladies Aid Turkey Casserole Dinner & Outreach Bake Sale (\$10/person)	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday, 12/4	Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus	TBD

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

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