

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 3, 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 2

Romans 4:17 (ESV) says, "As it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, **who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.**" God sees things others don't and calls into existence things that do not exist. There are times when God uses people to make things happen that aren't happening or aren't happening the way He wants them to.

So, if you're part of a church that continually puts up obstacles to productivity, forms barriers to peoples' ideas, and stops their momentum, it's time to speak up. If nobody will listen, it's time to pray, and ask God if you're in the right place.

An environment, according to God's plan, doesn't just "happen." God creates it using the people who live in it. People, systems, and policies either stoke the fire of God's creativity or put it out. Alexander the Great once visited the famed teacher, Diogenes, and asked whether he could do anything for him. Diogenes replied, "Only stand out of my light." One of the best things you can do for a creative person is not to get in their way! The same applies to people God has called to effect change. It is ok to be doubtful, but unless there is potential danger to someone or something, God wants us to give them a chance. It will become apparent soon enough if the person is working in accordance with God's plan or not.

Michelangelo, Rembrandt, and Leonardo da Vinci all used the best equipment and went to extraordinary lengths to find the finest materials for their paints, brushes, and canvas. They'd be no different today. God, on the other hand, tends to use the least qualified or seemingly most ill-suited people to fulfill His plans.

Don't expect change to come easily. Insecure people tend to penalize honesty and feel threatened based on biases they have of the person trying to effect change, especially when it suggests there's a better way of doing things. You have a responsibility to God, to yourself, to your brothers and sisters in Christ, and others to speak up as God calls you.

Currently 4,000 churches a year close while only 1,000 are started. God calls all believers to be a part of the solution. God says, "Help or stand back, but don't stand in the way of My work."

Prayer Requests



Those who are ill: Rev. Reuben and Martha Baerwald (friends of Bette Wine) Kristy Bartels, Jean Brewer, Don Dorwaldt, Les Herman, Jim Hulke (Joe's brother, 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, 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 grieving, especially the family and friends of Sheila Carter (Nakaila Slaughter's grandmother).



Attendance



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September 26: 42

October 3:

October 10:

October 17:

October 24:

October 31:

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.

Birthdays

10/3	Eleanor Miller Isabelle Thomas
10/4	Norm Tyndall
10/5	Andrea Stuehler
10/6	Gena Siena

Baptism Anniversary

10/10	Ginny Schuring
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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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

To discuss church budget

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

Volunteers Needed for Two Committees

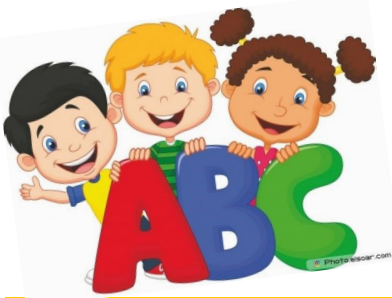
Building Sign

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 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!



Little Saints Preschool

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During October, we'll be focusing on The Creation Story. The children will learn that only our amazing and powerful God is capable of creating all the wonders our world holds. We'll talk about the light, dark, plants, moon, sun, stars, seas, mountains, animals, and people that God made.

Every month, I send home with the children a Bible verse that we talk about during Bible times. I also send home prayer ideas they can do at home, as ways to reinforce what they're learning during Bible times.

October's Bible verse: 1 Timothy 4:4
"Everything God created is good."

October's prayer idea: Take a nature walk and gather items of interest, such as rocks, leaves, or a piece of fallen fruit. When you return home, say a prayer of thanksgiving for each of those items, which God created for our use and enjoyment.



First Chapel of the Year

Calling All Carvers



Help is needed to prepare the turkey for the Ladies Aid Turkey Casserole Dinner (November 13). Cooking and carving is Monday, October 11, 12:00 pm. Please contact Darlene Tegtmeier at 312.209.6971 if you can help, or have any questions.

Worship Assistants

	ELDER	USHER	GREETERS	READER	ALTAR GUILD
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, 10/3	Worship: <i>Donut & LWML & 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 in the narthex.	6:00 pm
Thursday, 10/7	Ladies Aid Mtg. Midweek Bible Study Elders Mtg.	12:30 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 10	Worship: <i>Fill the Pews</i> Adult Christian Education: <i>Death, Then What?</i> Children's Sunday School	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am
Tuesday, 10/12	Church Council Meeting: <i>To discuss budget</i>	6:30 pm
Wednesday, 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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