

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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November 14, 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

Asking God to Bless Them

Walking in love and forgiveness is difficult on several fronts. First, it goes against your sinful, human nature. Second, there's a chance others may never know you forgave the offense. And third, your heart could break as you watch God bless the offender in answer to your prayers, as if they'd never sinned against you in the first place.

John Calvin pointed out that praying like this is exceedingly difficult, and early Church theologian John Chrysostom called it the highest summit of self-control. The Bible says Job's suffering ended, and his prosperity was restored once he was able to pray for his friends who'd become a thorn in his side (Job 42:10 ESV).

However, God did not end Job's prosperity and restore him as a reward for Job's faithfulness. Instead, it was an act of grace. So, we don't ask God to bless our friends, strangers, or our enemies because we expect a reward. We ask God to bless all our neighbors, especially our enemies, because God first blessed us out of His love.

When you pray this way, you put into practice the words of Jesus in His famous Sermon on the Mount. "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:44-45 ESV).

That is Christ's standard of forgiveness, and it's a high one. Maybe you're wondering how anybody could possibly live that way. Look at the life and death of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Even while his enemies were stoning him, he prayed, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:60 ESV). Therein lies one of the secrets of Stephen's great effectiveness.

Jesus is our true example of this, however, as we see in Luke 23:34 (ESV) when He hung on the cross. "And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do'."

True forgiveness is the medicine that heals the deepest emotional wounds. It closes the door on the past, and gives you grace and motivation to move forward and enjoy the life God wants you to live.

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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, 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 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 the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

Members experiencing difficulties in getting around

Alta Dittman, Doris Meilahn, and Betty Roush.

Those who recently lost loved ones

Marilyn Maas and her family, and Jim & Linda Butt and Nancy Miller and their families.

Attendance



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November 7: 64

November 14:

November 21:

November 28:

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

11/19	Jessica Flatland
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Baptismal Anniversaries

11/16	Fred Rackow
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Altar Guild



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

November 14

Given by Pastor & Marilyn Eaves, in honor of their grandson, Corbin's, 3rd birthday (November 18).

November 21

Given in honor of Carol Bartel's birthday (November 20).

If you attend service on Sundays, please do not forget to sign the Record of Fellowship. It helps Denise input accurate attendance in the church's software program.

Thank you!

To the members of St. Peter's,

I want to personally thank all of you who helped to support the Lutheran Braille Workers, Work Center #59, Jacksonville, FL. Your generous donations of more than \$800 will help continue the ministry in so many places!

Please pray for the volunteers who make these books, for the gift of these books being shipped all over the world free of charge, and for the people who receive them, that they may come to know Jesus and His saving grace!

I am so grateful for my "home" church family of St. Peter's. You continue to be an amazingly generous, mission-oriented congregation. God's blessings to you all!

In Christ, Joyce Schwebel

Ephesians 5:2 (ESV) says, "And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Jesus presents us with a tall order to walk in love, even with the people we don't like, let alone love. The good news is that it is all made possible by the all-availing sacrifices of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

So, forgive those that have sinned against you and accept the forgiveness given to you by others not because you have to but because you want to because of the love of your Savior, Jesus Christ!

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

Thank you to Millie Winkelmann for bringing the angels made from braille pages that so people could make a donation to the Lutheran Braille Workers.

Special Presentation

**Sunday, November 14, 7:00 pm
Faith Lutheran Church, 680 W. Deerpath, Lake Forest, IL**



You're invited to hear the story of Fahim Masoud, an intelligence officer in the Illinois Army National Guard. He was born during the Soviet Afghan War and helped to evacuate his family from Afghanistan.

For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Sheryl DeWitt, Founder and President of Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, sent us an update regarding the Carpentersville location.

"After many months working hand-in-hand with professionals and experts, we have been unable to overcome zoning issues related to opening and operating the maternity home in Faith Lutheran's parsonage in Carpentersville. After much prayer and many hours of discussion, the decision was made to pursue a different location. As the Lord closed the door in Carpentersville, a new opportunity presented itself in East Dundee, a location even closer to our host congregation. We covet your prayers as we explore this option. We ask for His wisdom and guidance in leading us to the home He has

personally handpicked for this expansion project. We ask the Lord to reveal His will so that we can quickly begin serving women and children who so desperately need to experience His love and support."

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Worship Assistants

	ELDER	USHER	GREETERS	READER	ALTAR GUILD
11/14	Jeff Pergande	Christy Petersen	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Dennis Sunderlage	Kathy Pergande
11/21	Bob Felbinger	Fred Rackow	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Bob Felbinger	Kathy Pergande
11/28	Steve Sporleder	Nancy Heine	Marilyn Eaves & Dolores Schuring	Sandy Dorwaldt	Kathy Pergande

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 11/14	Worship <i>Veteran's Day Remembrance</i> <i>Fill the Pews</i> Adult Bible Study Children's Sunday School	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am
Wednesday, 11/17	Deer Path Assisted Living Ministry	10:00 am
Thursday, 11/18	Senior Card Club NO Midweek Bible Study Preschool Board Mtg.	1:00 am 6:30 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, 11/21	Worship Congregational Assembly, Potluck Brunch *** Please bring a dish to share ***	9:00 am 10:00 am
11/22-11/26	LSP OFF for Thanksgiving Break	
Wednesday, 11/24	Deer Path Assisted Living Ministry Thanksgiving Eve Services	10:00 am 1:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 11/25	OFFICE CLOSED	
Sunday, 11/28	Decorate church for Christmas	11:00 am
Saturday, 12/4	Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus snacks ~ crafts ~ games	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesdays, 12/1, 8, 15, 22	Midweek Advent Services	1:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Friday, 12/24	Christmas Eve Services	1:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 11:00 pm
Saturday, 12/25	Christmas Day Service	9:00 am

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

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