

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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July 2, 2023



*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

Adult Bible Study

10:30 am

MESSENGER

Personal Devotions

Attending worship and hearing God's Word is accepted as an important part of our Christian lives, but is it necessary for me to make personal devotions a part of my Christian life? The answer is yes. One hour a week in worship encompasses only a very small portion of God's Word.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (ESV) says, ⁴"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The good news is that there are numerous options for personal devotions. You can pick a strategy to read through the Bible or choose a devotional that leads you through God's Word with helpful insights.

Picking your own strategy to read through God's Words has the advantage of being picked by you. If you have a favorite book of the Bible, this gives you an opportunity to dig into Holy Scripture that you have an interest in. Many people will use this strategy to read the Psalms or Proverbs. The disadvantage is that you are on your own to try and understand the vague or difficult parts. This means seeking out aids or someone to help you understand what God's Word says.

Choosing a devotional written by someone else has the advantage of someone already digging into God's Word and giving you insights that hopefully help you understand God's Word. The disadvantages are that you might be looking for deeper understanding of a different part of the Scriptures looked at and can even raise more questions for you. Another, possibly more harmful disadvantage is that the person giving the insights into God's Word may have a different understanding of God's Word or have a different theological understanding from your own.

True personal devotions should include prayer before and after digging into God's Word. Praying to the Holy Spirit asking for Him to open your eyes, ears, heart, mind, and soul to the Scriptures you are going to read before You study God's Word helps you to focus and be prepared for the Holy Spirit's revelation to you. Praying to the Holy Spirit after your reading of God's Word and asking for guidance in using what you have learned from God's Word is equally important.

Deuteronomy 11:18-25 (ESV) says, ¹⁸"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹You shall

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Prayer Requests



Those who are ill:

Don Adams, Pamela Andrews, Gloria Balgeman, Alicia Briskey (acute leukemia), Steve Collins, (Linda Butt's son-in-law, may need open heart surgery), Payton Cowan, Janie Eaves (Pastor Eaves' mother), Judy & Les Herman, Wynn Howard (Sonja Sporleder's dad), Kim Jacobson (Wendy Jacobson's daughter-in-law), Karen Johnson (friend of Marilyn Eaves), Ernst Kohn, Daniel Kowalski, Linda Mandell, Paul Mills, Dave Neisendorf, Roxie Peters, Fred Rackow, Dennis Roush, Andy Schuring, Norm Schuring, Shaquita (Nakaila Slaughter's mother), John Simmons (son of Kathy Pergande's friend, Becky), Marilyn Thompson, and Andrea Zachotina

Those residing in healthcare centers:

Dave Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts, Meta Meyer (The Pointe at Eastgate), Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Bill Mikesell (Crescent Care), and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

Those serving in our military:

Aidan Buttrum and Ally Mills



Attendance



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| June 4: | 65 |
| June 11: | 53 |
| June 18: | 62 |
| June 25: | 49 |

True Practice of Faith

Giving back to God from what He has given you is a question not of reason or convenience or what God will do for us but of faith in God as our Creator. Giving back involves complete trust in His providential promises.



The Vacation Bible School (VBS) children were out of this world with bringing in donations for Phil's Friends this year. In all, the 63 VBS participants brought in more than **600** items, which will benefit and bless many cancer patients. And because they met, and exceeded, the challenge, Pastor Eaves fulfilled his promise to dye his hair a lovely shade of orange this year.

Please read the insert to find out more about Phil and his mission.

Altar Guild



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

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Given by Pastor and Marilyn Eaves, praise and thanks to God and to our military for our freedoms that we have in the US.

Food Pantry Update

In June, we served 28 families (106 people). Our numbers have gone up!

Items Needed:

variety cereals, boxed/packages of pasta & rice sides, instant mashed potatoes (boxes/packages), fruit juices (bottles or cans), variety salad dressings, cake mixes and frostings, muffin mixes and other baking items, plain rice (bags/boxed), mac & cheese, crackers, bathroom tissue, paper towels, dry pastas (boxes/bags), women's and men's deodorants, pancake mixes, pork and beans (or any other beans), ketchup, mustard, small cans of tomato sauces and pastes

Mail monetary donations to:

Burlington/Hampshire Area Food Pantry
P.O. Box 651, Hampshire
IL 60140

Next Fill the Pews:

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teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ²⁰You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. ²²For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, ²³then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you. ²⁴Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to ²⁵the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea. ²⁶No one shall be able to stand against you. The LORD your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread, as he promised you.

The words of God from Deuteronomy 6 and 11 make it clear that God’s Word is important and we cannot spend too much time in it. The fact that Jesus is the Word of God made flesh makes it all the more important for us to be in God’s Word. Ask yourself, “Is there something more important than spending time with Jesus (being in God’s Word)?”

Phil’s Friends

Our mission project for June and July will be in support of the ministry of “Phil’s Friends.” This Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod provides “Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer.” Together, our church family, Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML), and the Vacation Bible School (VBS) children and their families are collecting items needed for the care packages Phil’s Friends sends to people affected by cancer free of charge. Please go to their website, philsfriends.org, for Phil's story and more details.

Thank You

Thank you to all who brought cans to church to be recycled. There was 406 pounds turned in for \$162.40, which was given to the Sunday School.

Pledge Drive

The Church Council has met multiple times and discussed at great length the current state of our audio-video setup and how to deal with it. The Church Council agreed something needs to be done. They decided to hold a pledge drive from July 2 to July 30. Pledge letters and forms are in your church mailboxes today. Letters and forms not picked up today, will be mailed to you Monday, July 3. Monday, July 3, with an email address on file with the church will receive the letter and pledge form via email. The letter will explain this in more detail. You’re asked to return the pledge form but not any monies. Pledge forms can be mailed to the church to the attention of Darlene Tegtmeier or deposited in the box located in the narthex. Once the pledge drive has ended, the Church Council will see how much has been pledged and determine a plan for moving forward. Prayerfully consider this issue and how you can participate. Thank you for all you do and God bless.

Worship Assistants

| | Elder | Usher | Greeters | Reader | Altar Guild |
|------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 7/2 | Bob Felbinger | Nancy Heine | Beth Jack, Betty Kurtz | Sandy Dorwaldt | Nancy Heine |
| 7/9 | Steve Sporleder | Fern Petersen | Marilyn Eaves | Bob Felbinger | Nancy Heine |
| 7/16 | Jeff Pergande | Christy Petersen | Bette Wine | Steve Sporleder | Nancy Heine |
| 7/23 | Bob Felbinger | Fred Rackow | Dave & Pam Neisendorf | Fern Petersen | Nancy Heine |
| 7/30 | Steve Sporleder | Nancy Heine | Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier | Betty Wine | Nancy Heine |

| Birthdays | |
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| 7/2 | Dolly Hulke |
| 7/4 | Bobby Watzlawick |
| 7/7 | Pamela Andrews |
| Wedding Anniversary | |
| 7/5 | Mike & Nicole Bensko |

| Lutheran Hour | |
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| July 2 | "Give Me Life?!" Pastor Keith Habersstock Finders, weepers; losers, keepers: finding life by losing it, for the sake of Christ. |
| July 9 | "Lean into the Villain's Story" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Jesus changes the way we see ourselves and others, even our villains. He died and rose for them, too. |
| Broadcast Stations & Times: | |
| Sundays | |
| WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am | |
| WGSL 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm | |
| WKKD 1580 AM, 9:30 am | |

Portals of Prayer
The next quarter of Portals of Prayer is in your church mailbox. If you received a regular print version but would prefer a large print version, or vice versa, please let Denise Kohlmeyer (847-464-5721) or Pastor Eaves (701-340-8324) know. Extra copies are located in the narthex.

| This Week | | |
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| Sunday, 7/2 | Indoor Worship Adult Bible Study <i>Donut & LWML+ Mites Sunday</i> | 9:00 am 10:30 am |
| Tuesday, 7/4 | Office Closed | |
| Wednesday, 7/5 | Chapel Service - Deer Path | 10:00 am |
| Thursday, 7/6 | Bible Study Elders Meeting | 1:30 pm 6:30 pm |
| Saturday, 7/8 | Playground Installation Work Day | |

| Looking Ahead | | |
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| Sunday, 7/9 | Outdoor Worship* <i>Please bring a chair</i> Adult Bible Study | 9:00 am 10:30 am |
| Wednesday, 7/12 | Chapel Service - Deer Path | 10:00 am |
| Thursday, 7/13 | Bible Study | 1:30 pm |
| Friday, 7/14 | Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>Kathy Pergande's home</i> | 1:00 pm |
| Saturday, 7/15 | Playground Installation Work Day | |
| Sunday, 7/16 | Indoor Worship Adult Bible Study <i>Fill The Pews</i> | 9:00 am 10:30 am |
| Wednesday, 7/19 | Chapel Service - Deer Path | 10:00 am |
| Thursday, 7/20 | Pinocle Bible Study | 1:00 pm 1:30 pm |
| Saturday, 7/22 | Playground Installation Work Day | |
| Sunday, 7/23 | Outdoor Worship* <i>Please bring a chair</i> Adult Bible Study | 9:00 am 10:30 am |
| Wednesday, 7/26 | Chapel Service - Deer Path | 10:00 am |
| Thursday, 7/27 | Bible Study | 1:30 pm |
| Saturday, 7/29 | Playground Installation Work Day | |

+ *Lutheran Woman's Missionary League*
* *If inclement weather, service will be held indoors.*

Livestream St. Peter's Sunday Worship at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY-0ZhtspZkK7vIpJ7DEY1Q>

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