

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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July 9, 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

Always Do More Than What's Expected

Our sinful human nature leads us to do the absolute minimum that is required in any situation. The Air Force used to have a saying, "Aim high!" The Army had a saying, "Be all you can be!" They also had a saying, "We do more before 9 am than most people do all day." Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ calls us to seek to do more than just what is necessary.

Matthew 5:48 (ESV) says, ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. This word from our Lord definitely calls us to do more than just the minimum. Jesus says in Luke 6:37-38 (ESV), ³⁷Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Jesus definitely calls us to do more than just the bare minimum that God requires of us to live our Biblical lives.

Notice, He didn't say, *Only give to those who can give back to you.* John Bunyan, the author of Pilgrim's Progress, said, *"You haven't lived today until you've done something for someone who can never repay you."*

In the days of Jesus, a Roman soldier could legally force a Jewish civilian to carry his heavy backpack for up to a mile. That was his right and their refusal could mean your demise. To walk the first mile was to do only what was required. Then Jesus came along and said in Matthew 5:38-42 (ESV), ³⁸ You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴²Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. Why? Because an extra-mile of service gives you an opportunity to impact the lives of others. A person with an extra-mile attitude is someone who cares more than others think is wise, risks more than others think is safe, dreams more than others think is practical, believes more than others think is

*"Be all you can be in
Christ by the working
of the Holy Spirit."*

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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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July 2: 48
July 9:
July 16:
July 23:
July 30:

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 refrigerator in the kitchen will be cleaned out. Any items not labeled will be thrown away.

Thank you!

Sincere thanks for the cards and other kind gestures from the people of St. Peter's. I feel blessed to have such a caring church family.

Thank you.
Dave Neisendorf



Altar Guild



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

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Food Pantry Update

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:

July 16



possible, and gives more than others think is necessary. This should sound like our Savior’s ministry in this world.

The bottom line of what Jesus expects from us is found in *Matthew 5:46-48 (ESV)* which says, *46For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

If you only love the loveable, should you be rewarded? Anybody, even an unbeliever, can love the loveable. Do you deserve a medal for simply saying hello to those that greet you? Many unbelievers are friendly and cordial. Jesus calls us to become mature Christian adults that live like they are saved, forgiven, redeemed subjects of His Kingdom. God calls us to live out our new identity in Christ. This means to live generously and graciously towards others because this is the way God acts towards us.

Aim high; as high as the cross Jesus died on for you and all people. Be all you can be in Christ by the working of the Holy Spirit. Do more before 9 am because the time left before Jesus comes back is getting shorter and shorter with each passing moment. Do more than expected for others because Jesus did more than was expected for you and more than you deserved.

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

Phil’s Friends

Our mission project for June and July is to 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 that 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.

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 have been mailed. 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 to move 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
7/9	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	
7/10	Sonja Sporleder
7/11	Darlene Tegtmeier
7/14	Julie Buttrum
7/15	Pam Neisendorf
Wedding Anniversary	
7/10	Jeff & Kathy Pergande
Baptism Anniversaries	
7/9	Caleb Stoner
7/13	Marie Gehrke
7/14	Keith Schuring

Lutheran Hour	
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.
July 16	"Two Mindsets" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The Law of God is a test that judges all who take it. The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus passed the test, in our place.
Broadcast Stations & Times:	
Sundays	
WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am	
WGSL 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm	
WKKD 1580 AM, 9:30 am	

This Week		
Sunday, 7/9	Outdoor Worship*	9:00 am
	<i>Please bring a chair</i> Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Wednesday, 7/12	Chapel Service - Deer Path	10:00 am
Thursday, 7/13	Bible Study	1:30 pm
	Elder's Meeting	6:30 pm
Friday, 7/14	Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>Kathy Pergande's home</i>	1:00 pm
Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 7/16	Indoor Worship	9:00 am
	Adult Bible Study <i>Fill The Pews</i>	10:30 am
Wednesday, 7/19	Chapel Service - Deer Path	10:00 am
Thursday, 7/20	Pinochle	1:00 pm
	Bible Study	1:30 pm
Sunday, 7/23	Outdoor Worship*	9:00 am
	<i>Please bring a chair</i> Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Wednesday, 7/26	Chapel Service - Deer Path	10:00 am
Thursday, 7/27	Bible Study	1:30 pm

* 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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