

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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July 16, 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

Don't be Afraid – Part 1

People's fears come in a variety of forms and the consequences of those fears are just as varied ranging from minor to debilitating.

Mark 4:40 (ESV) says, "He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"

Notice how the disciples reacted to the storm on the Sea of Galilee and see if you recognize any of the same traits in yourself.

First, fear makes us doubt God's care. The disciples asked Jesus, "*Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?*" (*Mark 4:38 (ESV)*). The disciples didn't ask Jesus if He could still the storm, nor did they ask Jesus if He was aware of the storm, neither did they ask Him if He had any experience with storms. Instead, they asked if He cared. When we allow it, fear will erode our confidence in God's love and make us forget His faithfulness.

Secondly, fear makes us reach for control. Jesus was asleep, so the disciples woke Jesus in hopes that He would save them. Fear comes from a perceived loss of control. When we're afraid, we grab for a component of life that we can manage - like our diet, our job, the neatness of our house, or in many cases - people. The more insecure we feel, the more controlling we tend to become.

Thirdly, fear makes us forgetful. *Matthew 8:16 (ESV) says, "That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. What a résumé! But fear gives us spiritual amnesia; it makes us forget what Jesus has already done and how good He has been to us. What was Jesus' response? "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" It should be no shock to us that we find "fear not" 27 times in the New Testament alone.*

Faith doesn't eliminate fear. Faith silences fear, robs it of its power, and draws us closer to God. When that happens, things begin to change for the better. Listen to Jesus your Lord and Savior when He asks you, "Why are you so afraid?"

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

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: 47
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.

Little Saints Preschool is hiring!

We are looking for a part-time work coordinator and religious education teacher for Thursday and Friday mornings, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

For more information, please call Kristina Kolodziej at 847.464.5134.

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:

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Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert
 But you shall not die of thirst
 You shall wander far in safety
 Though you do not know the way
 You shall speak your words to foreign men
 And they will understand
 You shall see the face of God and live

Be not afraid
 I go before you always
 Come, follow me and I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters in the sea
 You shall not drown
 If you walk amid the burning flames
 You shall not be harmed
 If you stand before the power of hell
 And death is at your side
 Know that I am with you through it all

Be not afraid
 I go before you always
 Come, follow me and I will give you rest

And blessed are your poor
 For the kingdom shall be theirs
 Blest are you that weep and mourn
 For one day you shall laugh
 And if wicked men insult and hate you
 All because of me
 Blessed, blessed are you

Be not afraid
 I go before you always
 Come, follow me and I will give you rest

*Songwriter:
 Robert J Dufford*



Phil's Friends



Our mission project for June and July is to support 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
7/16	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	
7/16	Dennis Hecker
Baptism Anniversaries	
7/18	Aidan Buttrum
7/19	Teddy Beaman
7/21	Bette Wine
7/22	Bill Mikesell

Lutheran Hour
<p>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.</p> <p>July 23 "Pulling for Others" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler How did two young men start out with similar circumstances but end up in such different places? Was it the choices they made or the pull that others had on their lives?</p> <p>Broadcast Stations & Times:</p> <p>Sundays WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am WGSL 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm WKKD 1580 AM, 9:30 am</p>

This Week		
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	Pinochle Bible Study	1:00 pm 1:30 pm
Sunday, 7/23	Outdoor Worship* <i>Please bring a chair</i> Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:30 am

Looking Ahead		
Wednesday, 7/26	Chapel Service - Deer Path	10:00 am
Thursday, 7/27	Bible Study	1:30 pm
Sunday, 7/30	Indoor Worship Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday, 8/2	Chapel Service - Deer Path	10:00 am
Thursday, 8/3	Bible Study Elders Meeting	1:30 pm 6:30 pm
Sunday, 8/6	Outdoor Worship* <i>Please bring a chair</i> Adult Bible Study <i>Donut & Lutheran Women's Mission League (LWML) Mites Sunday</i>	9:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday, 8/9	Chapel Service - Deer Path	10:00 am
Thursday, 8/10	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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