

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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July 23, 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 2

Trials and tribulations can cause us to trust God less and look for other options for safety. The more storms we face in life and the more we trust God in those situations, the easier it becomes to trust God and remember that He is in control.

Psalm 107:8 (ESV) says, ⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! We need to remember to thank God for watching over us and not only getting us through the storms of life, but also being there for us when we get through those rough times.

God responds to sin by stepping back and letting us face the consequences. Because sin harms and destroys what He created and cultivated, He responds with wrath too, but God's wrath is not a tirade or belligerent rage.

Sometimes, Bible teachers refer to God's wrath as **His strange work**. The phrase come from *Isaiah 28:21 (ESV) which says, ²¹For the LORD will rise up as on Mount Perazim; as in the Valley of Gibeon he will be roused; to do his deed—strange is his deed! and to work his work—alien is his work!* It's a strange work because it appears counter to His purpose, much like when a surgeon needs to break a bone to ensure healing.

Whether we suffer the consequences of our own sin or other people's sins, God's strange work uses those consequences to cut away our pride. It shows He is the only one who can save us – which He did, through His Son, Jesus.

While it is certainly acceptable to take some time after our storms in life to regroup and reboot, we need to remember that God calls us to continue to move forward in our journey that God has placed us on in this life. Following God is the safest thing to do, but it does have its risks. We shouldn't allow the risks to hold us back from following Jesus and carrying out His will for us.

Psalm 107:23-31 (ESV) says, ²³Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; ²⁴they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. ²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. ²⁶They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; ²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. ²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their

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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), Rose Hardwig, 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 (open heart surgery July 31, 2023), 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:	51
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.

Altar Guild



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

July 23

Church Council Meeting

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023
6:30 pm**

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.

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations to **“Phil’s Friends,”** which was our Vacation Bible School (VBS) mission focus this year. Together, with the VBS families, we collected over 225 items (including some great hand-made fleece blankets) for their care packages, and \$733.60 to help them continue this Christ-centered mission dedicated to supporting individuals and families affected by cancer. The VBS children made “Cards of Hope,” which will be especially encouraging to those who receive them. We will continue this mission here at St. Peter’s throughout the til the end of July. See the table in the narthex for how you can help. Our next project is Voice of Hope Behind the Wall Ministry Northern Illinois District (NID), an NID and Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) supported project for the LWML NID Fall Gathering September 29 and 30, 2023.



distress. ²⁹He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. ³⁰Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. ³¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Where do we see God's wonders? In life's storms! Jesus issued over 100 recorded commandments. Sixty-seven of them are **fear not** or **do not be afraid**. The second most common commandment, **to love your neighbor**, appears only nine times. That means the two statements Jesus made more than any other was **fear not** and **do not be afraid**. Why? Because Jesus knows the world is a scary place and He wants you to trust Him more!

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

Hi Orphan Grain Train (OGT) Team Members,

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather! The trees, grass, and flowers look happy today. We've had some rain, some sun, and now these beautiful temperatures! Thank you, Jesus! I'm passing along our latest national Headliner! Enjoy!



I just want to thank you all for your part in being the hands and feet of Jesus to the needy world around you! Orphan Grain Train could not do what we do without you! You are so precious to us! Thank you, once again! Blessings on your day!

Our Fiscal Year ended on May 31, 2023 and this is some of what we did during the year because of the support from you!

- 274 full shipments (40 or 53 foot containers) worldwide.
- 155 – 53 foot full semi-loads were distributed to domestic locations.
- 119 – 40 foot full shipping containers went to 23 different countries overseas.
- More than \$44.1 million worth of donated humanitarian aid, food, and disaster relief assistance was distributed.

In His Faithful Grip,
Cathy Robinson, OGT Wisconsin Branch Manager

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 which ends on July 30, 2023. 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.

Phil's Friends

Our mission project for 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.

Worship Assistants

	Elder	Usher	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild
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	
7/23	Abigail Needham
7/24	Bob Felbinger
7/26	Wendy Follman Jayne Muetterties
7/27	James Kowalski
7/28	Jacob Needham
7/29	Mary Henk
Baptism Anniversaries	
7/24	Sherry Gehrke
7/27	Nancy Miller
7/29	Sally Hartje

Lutheran Hour
<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>July 30 "If It Seems Slow, Wait for It" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Some ideas spread slowly. That doesn't make them bad ideas. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about God's slow solution to setting a broken world right.</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, 7/23	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
Looking Ahead		
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
Friday, 8/4	Prayer Shawl Ministry	TBD
Sunday, 8/6	Outdoor Worship* <i>Please bring a chair</i> Adult Bible Study Donut & Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Mites Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am
Tuesday, 8/8	Church Council Meeting	6:30 pm
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.



Lutheran AID Ministries in Liberia Excited for Shipment to Arrive

Pastor Kollie with Lutheran AID Ministries in Liberia is anxiously waiting for 95,040 Food for Kidz meals, Bibles, school desks and supplies, children's clothing, and other aid from Wisconsin Branch in Westfield. The ministry serves many families in need of daily basic needs and food. Praise be to God!

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

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