

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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September 17, 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

Overcoming Temptation – Part 1

2 Chronicles 20:12 (ESV) says, ¹²O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

When Jesus told Peter he would soon deny his Lord, Peter boasted, *Others may, but not me!* Yet within a few hours he was swearing and disavowing any knowledge of Jesus. It can happen to any of us. *James 1:14 (ESV) says, ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.* We all have areas of vulnerability which, if not disciplined by God's Word, prayer, Holy Communion, Christian fellowship, and service to others, have the potential to defeat or even destroy us. What can you do?

First, you can recognize your desires and vulnerabilities. Before you yield to temptation you usually go through certain stages. By neglecting being in God's Word, prayer, and Holy Communion, you become indifferent to God, insensitive to danger, and find yourself drawn like a moth to a flame. Then you begin to rationalize your disobedience and think, nobody knows and what harm will it do? The more you silence the voice of conscience, the stronger your carnal appetites become. Then you surround yourself with people who do the same things, or are at least willing to look the other way. Jesus says in *Mark 14:38 (ESV), ³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."* Pray for strength before the temptation comes!

Secondly, reach for help. When Jehoshaphat came up against an enemy too big to handle alone, he prayed, in *2 Chronicles 20:12 (ESV), ¹²O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."* Jehoshaphat knew he was no match for the enemy and he knew where to turn for help. What's the secret of victory? Lean entirely on God and not on yourself!

***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), Payton Cowan, Janie Eaves (Pastor Eaves' mother), Rose Hardwig, Kim Jacobson (Wendy Jacobson's daughter-in-law), Karen Johnson (brain and lung cancer), Ernst Kohn, Daniel Kowalski, Linda Mandell, Paul Mills, Dave Neisendorf, Dennis Roush, Shirley Schnieder (Marilyn's mom), Andy Schuring, Norm Schuring, Shaquita (Nakaila Slaughter's mother), Marilyn Thompson, Kathy Voog (breast cancer), and Andrea Zachotina.

Those residing in healthcare centers:

Don & Elaine Adams (Heritage Woods), Dave & Carol Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts (unknown), Marie Gehrke (Avondale), 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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September 3: 39

September 10: 51

September 17:

September 24:

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.

September 17

We Rejoice!

We rejoice today with Christopher and Jami Martis on the baptism of their son, Jaxon Owen Martis, and Ryan and Ashley Muir on the baptism of their son, Ryan Allen Muir, Jr. Please keep these families in your prayers as they grow in Christ and each other.

Life Quote - September 17, 2023

"No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans for Life—A Life quote from Lutherans for Life, lutheransforlife.org.*



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

Life Thought - September 17, 2023 - Pentecost XVI (Proper 19A)

Surprise pregnancy often comes with complications and difficulties. Terminal diagnosis can involve suffering and sorrow. But our God brought Jesus back from the dead. He makes it His way to wring blessings out of burdens (Genesis 50:19-20). Are we in the place of God, to let abortion or assisted suicide judge (Romans 14:4) someone else's life as hopeless?

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Northern Illinois District (NID) Fall Gathering

Virtual Faith Ministry, featured in the Fall 2022 Quarterly, will guide us through Bible Study, a presentation about their ministry, and two unique workshops to teach us how using visual illustrations of Scripture verses can enhance our own spiritual faith walk and encourage others.

This takes place at: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1165 S Westmore Ave, Lombard, IL 60148

Friday, September 29, 2023 7-9 pm \$10 includes workshop, fellowship, and dessert

Saturday, September 30, 2023 8:30 am to 2:30 pm Bible Study, presentation, and hands on workshop to create illustrated encouragement cards. (\$25 includes light breakfast and lunch)

You may come to one or both of the events.

Mail-in registrations checks payable to, LWML NID memo line Fall Gathering must be postmarked by Sept. 11 and online registrations must be paid before Sept. 12th. For online registration please go to <https://lwmlnid.org/event/fall-gathering/>.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M. CST

Join us for the Fall 2023 Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) Event

Registration closes on September 18th, 2023

Join us in celebrating the gifts God has placed in you and your congregation! Using resources based on the *Gifted for More* research done in partnership with Barna Group, we will explore how to discover and use the gifts in you and in the people all around you. The event will include:

- Jennifer Prophete, Director of Community Programming, serving as host.
- Jason Broge, Sr. Director of Global Research and Development, sharing about the EveryGift™ Inventory and the *Gifted for More* Congregational Campaign Kit.
- Jeff Craig-Meyer, President of United States Ministries, bringing greetings and an executive update.

We look forward to sharing this time together!

Register online at <https://give.lhm.org/event/ill-fall-event-virtual-9-20-2023/e509587>.

2023 Northern Illinois District (NID) Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Fall Gathering Gifts From the Heart (September 29 & 30, 2023)

Voice of Hope Behind the Wall Ministry NID has evolved in the past three years reports Deaconess Lori Wilbert. After 34 years of working behind the wall at Stateville Prison and working in ministry within the NID 38 years, Deaconess Wilbert has transitioned into working with those being released from prison in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The teaching ministry at Stateville continued during the COVID shutdown with the blessing of the warden and with staff he assigned to the ministry. Prison staff delivered class lessons and assignments to the cell houses each week, picked them up, and sent them back to Deaconess Wilbert. This teaching model continues.

Upon their release, former prisoners need items that help an individual set up an apartment. These Gifts from the Heart will enable each person to have a solid start as he re-integrates into his community.

Household Items:

Toilet paper
Kleenex
Paper towels
Laundry detergent
Dish soap

Kitchen towels/Dish cloths

Bath towels/Washcloths
Queen or Full Sheet sets
1 set of basic pots/pans
Set of plates/coffee mugs/glasses
Silverware

Personal Needs:

Bars of soap/Body wash
Shampoo/Conditioner
Toothpaste
Hair brush/Comb
Disposable Shavers

****Package sizes should be appropriate**

Worship Assistants

	Elder	Usher	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild
9/17	Jeff Pergande	Fred Rackow	Marilyn Eaves	Ally Mills	Christy Petersen
9/24	Bob Felbinger	Nancy Heine	Bette Wine	Denny Sunderlage	Christy Petersen

Birthdays	
9/22	Jane Tegtman
Wedding Anniversaries	
9/21	Dave & Carol Bahr
9/23	James & Danielle Kowalski
Baptism Anniversaries	
9/19	Jacob Needham
9/20	Wendy Follman
9/21	Christy Petersen

Lutheran Hour	
September 17	
"Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise"	
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler	
People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem?	
September 24	
"High Ground"	
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler	
When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there?	
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, 9/17	Outdoor Worship* <i>Fill The Pews</i> Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: God's People Rebuild Jerusalem's Wall (Nehemiah 4:1-23; 6:10-15)</i> Baptismal Reception (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday, 9/20	Chapel - Deer Path Pew Sisters Bible Study (Chapter 5)	10:00 am 1:00 pm
Thursday, 9/21	Pinochle Bible Study Preschool Board Meeting	1:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm

Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 9/24	Outdoor Worship* Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: Ezra Reads God's Law (Ezra 6:14-22; 7:1-10; Nehemiah 8:1-12)</i> Baptismal Reception (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday, 9/27	Chapel - Deer Path Chapel - Little Saints Preschool	10:00 am 11:15 am
Thursday, 9/28	Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Bible Study	11:45 am 1:30 pm
Sunday, 10/1	Outdoor Worship* <i>Donut Sunday (hosted by Memorial Committee) and LWML+ Mites Sunday</i> Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: Prophets Talk About a Coming King (Zechariah 9:9-10; Isaiah 9:1-7)</i> Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am

* Please bring a chair. If inclement weather, service will be held indoors.
+ Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Food Pantry Needs	
variety cereals, variety crackers, canned corn, variety canned beans, variety cake mixes and frostings, brownie mixes, muffin mixes, cookies, variety canned fruits, apple sauce, ketchup, mustard, variety salad dressings, bar soap/body wash, men's/women's deodorants, small cans of tomato sauces/pastes, granola bars.	
Mail monetary donations to: Burlington/Hampshire Area Food Pantry, P.O. Box 651, Hampshire, IL 60140	

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

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