

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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October 15, 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

Increasing in Love

2 Thessalonians 1:3 (ESV) says, ³We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

When Paul says, *'the love of every one of you for one another is increasing,'* it's not the kind where life's perfect and everybody accommodates you. God's intention is to 'increase' your love into the kind of love that's not defined by your feelings, but a sacrificial love. God defines this sacrificial love in *Galatians 2:20 (ESV) which says, ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

It's possible to be in love with the idea of a perfect marriage, without actually loving your mate; or the dream of what your kids could become, if only they'd follow your advice. But, when it comes to loving a rebellious teen, it's a growing process that puts your love to the test.

Jesus says in John 13:34 (ESV), ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. Jesus never asks us to do anything without giving us the ability to do it. Are you ready to do a little increasing?

Author Kristin Armstrong says: *'When we're hurt it's common to withdraw. But the worst thing a parent can do is to withhold affection in response to a child's behavior. A child's heart grows when it's nurtured with unconditional love. Affection doesn't depend on behavior, mood, or circumstances. Being pleasing does not equate to being lovable. Imagine if Jesus loved us only when we behaved perfectly. We'd never experience His*

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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), Payton Cowan, Harley and Janie Eaves (Pastor Eaves' parents), 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 Eaves' mom), Andy Schuring, Norm Schuring, Shaquita (Nakaila Slaughter's mother), Marilyn Thompson, Kathy Voog (breast cancer), and Andrea Zachotina.

Those residing in healthcare centers:

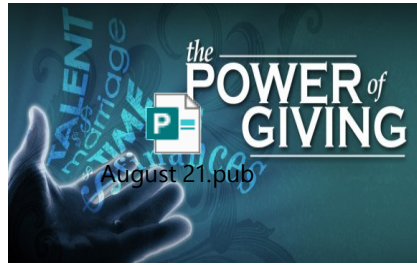
Don & Elaine Adams (Heritage Woods), Dave & Carol Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts (unknown), Marie Gehrke (Avondale), Meta Meyer (The Pointe at Eastgate), Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Bill Mikesell (Crescent Care), and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

Those serving in our military:

Aidan Buttrum and Ally Mills



Attendance



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October 1: 55

October 8: 52

October 15:

October 22

October 29:

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.

October 15

Given by Pastor and Marilyn Eaves, in honor of their daughter and son-in-law's, Jessica and Jordan's, third wedding anniversary.

Life Quote - October 14, 2023

"For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and all who have been complicit by not

speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus: 'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11:28). God give us courage to engage in the battle For Life!" *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans for Life of Michigan—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life, lutheransforlife.org.*



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

Life Thought - October 15, 2023 - Pentecost XX (Proper 23A)

Abortion and physician-assisted suicide represent a surrender to death brought about by fear. We need not be afraid of enduring terminal illness, because our Heavenly Father protects us even in the darkest places (Psalm 23:4). And we need not be afraid of carrying a surprise pregnancy, because our dear Savior Jesus provides all we need even in the most difficult times (Philippians 4:12,-13).

Poinsettia Sale

Cost: \$11 for a 6 1/2" pot of red, white, or pink poinsettias. Signup sheet in narthex. Make checks payable to: St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and leave them in the office.

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affection and consequently we'd wither away. And since Jesus is our example, we need to love others with Christlike grace. He loves us according to His capacity, not according to the degree of our merit. We must love others ... not by our standards but by His.'

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

Sunday, October 15

Trinity Lutheran Church in Genoa will have a spaghetti fundraiser for Amber Smith, 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15, Seniors 62+ are \$10, kids 6-12- \$7, and age 5 and under are free. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. Carry-out is available. The Ladies' Aid will also have a bake sale.

Saturday, October 21

St. John's in Burlington is having an Oktoberfest, 4:00 to 7:00 pm. There will be German food, fellowship, and games.

Friday, October 27

Trinity Lutheran Church in Genoa will hold their Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Donations for the October 21 St. Peter's bake sale are needed. Signup sheet in narthex.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the marriage of Matt Petersen and Kaytlyn Albers, to be married today at 2:00 pm at Riverside Church, St. Charles.

If anyone has a Thrivent Action card that they have not used, or will not use, please contact Pam Neisendorf. We would like to put those funds toward items that we purchase each year at Christmas for gift bags for each of the residents at Deer Path of Huntley. You can email Pam at pneisendorf@gmail.com. Thank You!

**Trunk or Treat
October 28
2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Anyone who wants to decorate their car trunk and hand out treats is invited.

There will also be a bouncy house, games, crafts, and coloring pages.

Signup sheet is in the narthex or see Beth Jack.

**Ladies' Aid Fall Dinner
October, 21, 3:30 to 6:30 pm**

Tickets: Adults, \$15; children ages 6-12, \$7. Tickets are sold in the church office and by Ladies' Aid members.

Dine-in or take-out.

Menu: ham, potatoes au gratin, applesauce, roll, corn (from Norm Schuring's field), chocolate chip bar. There will also be a bake sale hosted by the Board of Outreach. All baked goods welcome for sales. A decision of where the proceeds from the bake sale will be made later. Possible suggestions are Maui, Orphan Grain Train, suicide prevention for veterans, future events, etc.

**Little Saints Preschool
Perfect Pastries Fundraiser**

Order forms are available in the narthex, or see one of our Preschool Board members for help. Forms are due no later than October 22. Payment: cash or checks (payable to St. Peter's Little Saints).

We appreciate your continued support and prayers for our little students and staff.

Worship Assistants

	Elder	Usher	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild
10/15	Bob Felbinger	Fred Rackow	Bette Wine	Steve Sporleder	Carol Wieg
10/22	Steve Sporleder	Nancy Heine	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Sandy Dorwaldt	Carol Wieg
10/29	Jeff Pergande	Fern Petersen	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Bette Wine	Carol Wieg

Birthdays	
10/17	Aric Beaman
10/19	Andrew Schuring
10/21	Bryan Jack Daniel Kowalski
Wedding Anniversary	
10/16	Don & Elaine Adams
10/20	Jeff & LeAnn Stuehler
Baptism Anniversaries	
10/16	Maleena Bensko
10/17	Aric Beaman
10/18	Diane Steffens
10/21	Jane Tegtman Bailey Wacker Lincoln Wacker
Lutheran Hour	
<p>October 15 "Help the World Rejoice" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer.</p> <p>October 22 "Matching Pace" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others.</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>	

+ Lutheran Women's Missionary League

This Week		
Sunday, 10/15	Worship <i>Fill The Pews</i> Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: An Angel Visits Mary (Luke 1:26-38)</i> Adult Bible Study Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Trinity Lutheran Church - Genoa	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 4:30 - 7:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/17	LWML+ Quarterly Bible Study <i>From Age to Age</i>	6:30 pm
Wednesday, 10/18	Chapel - Deer Path Choir	10:00 am 7:00 pm
Thursdays, 10/19	Pinochle Preschool Board Meeting	1:00 pm 6:30 pm
Saturday, 10/21	Ham Dinner & Bake Sale Fundraiser Oktoberfest, St. John's, Burlington	3:30 pm 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 10/22	Worship Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: Jesus is Born (Luke 2:1-20)</i> Adult Bible Study Budget Inputs due to Darlene Tegtmeier	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Monday, 10/23	Board of Outreach Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday, 10/25	Chapel - Deer Path Chapel Little Saints Preschool Choir	10:00 am 11:45 am 7:00 pm
Thursday, 10/26	Chapel Little Saints Preschool Bible Study Council Meeting	11:15 am 1:30 pm 7:00 pm
Friday, 10/27	Trunk or Treat, Trinity Lutheran, Genoa	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Saturday, 10/28	Trunk o' Treat, St. Peter's	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sunday, 10/29	Worship Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: Magi Worship Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)</i> Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am

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

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