

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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November 5, 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

Confirmation

5:00 pm

MESSENGER

God Is – Part 2

Isaiah 40:26 (ESV) says, ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

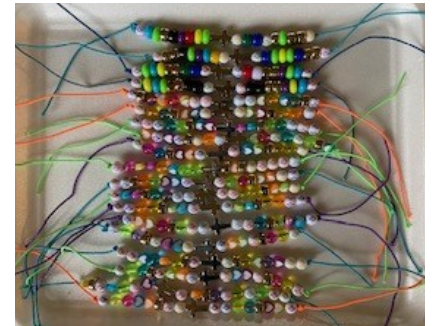
Many of the world's greatest thinkers believe that God not only exists, but that He created the universe and its inhabitants. The next time someone tells you that only simple, uneducated people believe in God don't believe their ignorance.

Dr. Robert Jastrow, founder and director of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), writes in his blockbuster book, *God and the Astronomers*: "The astronomical evidence supports the biblical view of the origin of the world ... The details differ, but the essential elements in the astronomical and biblical accounts of Genesis are the same ... Science has proved that the universe exploded into being at a certain moment ... What cause produced this effect? Who or what put the matter or energy into the universe? Science cannot answer these questions ... and for the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountain of ignorance ... is about to conquer the highest peak, and as he pulls himself over the final rock he's greeted by a band of theologians who've been sitting there for centuries."

Pierre-Simon Laplace, another of the world's great astronomers, said that proof in favor of an intelligent God was infinitely more probable than that a set of writing implements thrown promiscuously against parchment would produce Homer's Iliad.

Rejoice. **God is.** He's accessible and available, for any that yield to the Holy Spirit, stop refusing the gift bought and paid for by Jesus Christ's body and blood, and believe in Jesus as their Savior, repent of their sins, and ask Him for forgiveness.

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



Recently, St. Peter's Sunday School children partnered with the Belize Mission Society through Director Cathy Dular to prepare and send items to the children they serve in Belize. The Belize Mission Society has grown from one congregation to serving more than 25 Lutheran congregations represented on the mission field there.

We made and sent 35 cross bracelets; 35 coloring sheets, which the Belize children can color and return to our Sunday School students with a message; 35 wooden crosses, which our Sunday School children decorated; and jumbo (beginning writer's) pencils.

For more information, their website is www.belizemissionsociety.net.

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, Lynn Robertson (cancer), Shirley Schneider (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:

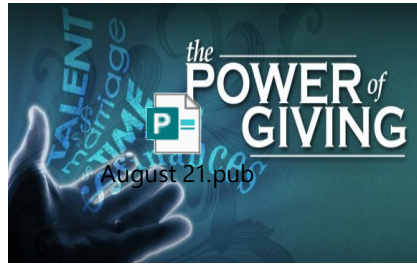
Don & Elaine Adams (Heritage Woods), Dave & Carol Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts (unknown), Marie Gehrke (Avondale), Meta Meyer (The Pointe at Eastgate), Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Bill Mikesell (Crescent Care), and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

Those serving in our military:

Aidan Buttrum and Ally Mills



Attendance



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October 29: 58

November 5:

November 12:

November 19:

November 26

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.

November 5

Given by Betty Kurtz, in memory of her late husband Ed's birthday, November 4 and in honor of LeAnn and Ethan Stuehler's birthdays, November 4 and 6, respectively.

Life Quote - November 5, 2023

"Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body

nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns." Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans for Life—*A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*, lutheransforlife.org.



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

Life Thought - November 5, 2023 - Pentecost XXIII (Proper 26A)

The Lord our God has given us sexuality for relationship, family, and community. These matters cannot become merely private choices or personal preferences. What we do with our bodies also affects our neighbors (1 Thessalonians 4:3-6). Abortion reveals that lust always leads to destruction. Marriage and parenting prove we do not need abortion—indeed, these gifts leave us no room for it"

Congregational Assembly, November 19, 10:30 am

Agenda: Approval of 2024 budget and election of officers. The terms of the following positions will end December 31, 2023— president, treasurer, assistant financial secretary, and the chairpersons for the Board of Elders, Board of Christian Education and Youth, Board of Outreach, and Preschool Board president. These positions are for two years.

Faith Comes By Hearing

During the Sundays in November there will be freewill offerings for the Faith Comes by Hearing ministry. A Givings Back plate will be located on a stand in the narthex. Please make checks payable to "Faith Comes By Hearing".

Since its inception, "Faith Comes By Hearing" has been partnering to provide God's Word to every person. Jerry and Anet Jackson founded "Faith Comes By Hearing" (then known as Hosanna) in 1972 as a Christian tape-lending library. Thanks to their unwavering commitment to the Word of God, "Faith Comes By Hearing" is now a recognized leader in Audio Bible production and engagement.

Through their wide range of listening programs—whether in a group centered on a physical Audio Bible device or personally through various digital means—hundreds of millions of people around the world have encountered God's truth in their heart language. Today, "Faith Comes By Hearing" provides God's audible Word in 1,894 languages, and they press on to ensure that every translated language has Scripture by the year 2033.

Here are some staggering facts: the Earth's population is in the billions, and it's growing every day. There are over 7,100 languages spoken all over the world. 70% of people alive today primarily learn through audible communication, and 50% cannot read at a functional level. How will they ever hear the Gospel? There's no way that one ministry can complete this task alone. More than 180,000 men and women enter and leave military service every year, many of them unchurched. As well, veterans often struggle with post-traumatic stress, enduring physical and mental wounds that last decades. Thanks to thousands of chaplains, they can find answers to their questions; and thanks to you, they can receive the Word of God on a portable BibleStick.

The provision of God's audible Word to our service members and veterans through the Military BibleStick program is one branch of our efforts to record and provide God's Word in every language that needs it by 2033.

Family in Need – Steve and Lynn Robertson, former members of St. Peter's are in need of assistance. Lynn was diagnosed with a very aggressive type of brain cancer. Please pray for them. Lynn would love to have visitors. Their address is **9117 Rugh Court, Huntley, IL 60142**. Steve's cell number is **847-975-5208**.

Seminary Family Christmas Gifts – A tree will be in the narthex throughout the month of November, with ornaments listing gift ideas for five St. Louis seminary families and 14 children. Please feel free to take any ornament(s) to buy gifts for them. Return the Christmas-wrapped gifts, with your name and address on the inside by Friday, December 1. Be sure the family number on the ornament and the person's name is on the outside of the package. You can attach the ornament on the outside if you wish. Thank you for your generosity to these families. Contact Marilyn Eaves, 701-340-8323, if you have any questions.

Honey Sundays – You still have the opportunity to order honey for \$10 a bottle from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in North Dakota. Forms available on a table in the narthex. The honey can be ordered for and sent to anyone you wish. Purchasing the honey supports this organization which provides treatment to traumatized children living at the Ranch in Minot, North Dakota, with chapel services, psychiatric therapy, and trauma-informed care and helps them become their best selves. You may also order online at www.dakotaranch.org/honeysunday/; scroll down to click on Honey Online Order Form.

Worship Assistants

| | Elder | Ushers | Greeters | Reader | Altar Guild |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 11/5 | Bob Felbinger | Fred Rackow | Beth Jack, Betty Kurtz | Jeff Pergande | Kathy Pergande |
| 11/12 | Steve Sporleder | Christy Petersen | Marilyn Eaves | Paul Tegtmeier | Kathy Pergande |
| 11/19 | Jeff Pergande | Nancy Heine | Bette Wine | Sonja Sporleder | Kathy Pergande |
| 11/26 | Bob Felbinger | Fern Petersen | Dave & Pam Neisendorf | | Kathy Pergande |

| Birthdays | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11/5 | James Heine Katie Wacker |
| 11/6 | Ethan Stuehler |
| 11/8 | Becky Needham |
| Baptism Anniversary | |
| 11/5 | Andrea Stuehler |

| Lutheran Hour | |
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| November 5 | "Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing" Rev. Dr. John Nunes We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way. |
| November 12 | "Again and Again and Again" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Hearing many stories only once is not as good as hearing the same story many times. Hear again God's story of love, grace, and forgiveness. |
| Broadcast Stations & Times: | |
| Sundays | |
| WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am | |
| WGSL 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm | |
| WKKD 1580 AM, 9:30 am | |

Thanksgiving Eve Services
Wednesday, November 22
1:30 pm, 7:30 pm

Food Pantry Update / Needs

In October, we served 18 families (67 people).
Needs: variety of canned fruits, applesauce, variety of canned beans, canned corn, variety of cookies, variety of salad dressings, breakfast bars, shampoos, conditioners, men's and women's deodorants, bars of soap.
Mail monetary donations to: Burlington/Hampshire Area Food Pantry, P.O. Box 651, Hampshire, IL 60140
Fill The Pews: November 19

| This Week | | |
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| Sunday, 11/5 | Worship <i>All Saints' Day</i> <i>Donuts (hosted by Board of Outreach) & LWML* Mites Sunday</i> Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: Jesus Gathers Disciples (John 1:35-51)</i> Adult Bible Study | 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am |
| Monday, 11/6 | LWML* Quarterly Bible Study | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, 11/8 | Chapel - Deer Path Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Choir | 10:00 am 11:45 am 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, 11/9 | Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Bible Study | 11:15 am 1:30 pm |
| Saturday, 11/11 | Veterans Day | |
| Looking Ahead | | |
| Sunday, 11/12 | Worship <i>Armed Forces Remembrance</i> Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: Jesus' Friends Go with Him to the Garden (Luke 22:31-65)</i> Adult Bible Study | 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am |
| Monday, 11/13 | Altar Guild | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, 11/15 | Chapel - Deer Path Choir | 10:00 am 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, 11/16 | Pinochle Bible Study Preschool Board Meeting | 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm |

* Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Poinsettia Sale

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

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

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