

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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November 19, 2023

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

*Sharing the truth of Christ's love
by caring for the needs of everyone!*

God Is – Part 4

Ever wonder why we've failed to find life on any other planet? Earth is designed to sustain us and meet our most basic everyday needs. It makes you wonder, doesn't it? Do you think it's just a coincidence? Not according to the Bible.

Isaiah 45:12 (ESV) says, ¹²I made the earth and created man on it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host. The I in this verse is none other than God Himself. He created the earth from nothing and then created man from nothing to live on the earth.

Did you know that if the earth was 10 per cent larger or 10 per cent smaller, life as we know it wouldn't be possible? Or that we're just the right distance from the sun so we receive the right amount of heat and light? If we were any farther away from the sun we'd freeze and if we were closer, we wouldn't be able to survive. Consider for a moment the amazing tilt of the axis of the earth. None of the other planets are tilted like ours at 23 degrees. This angle allows the sun's rays to touch every part of the earth's surface over the course of a year as the earth circles the sun. If there was no tilt to the axis, the poles would accumulate enormous masses of ice and the center of the earth would become so hot we couldn't stand it.

Like an excited parent designing a room for the arrival of their newborn child, God made this earth specifically for us. *Isaiah 45:18 (ESV) says, ¹⁸For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the LORD, and there is no other.* God loves and cares for us so much that He sent His only Son to live, suffer, die for sins on the cross, and rise up on Easter Sunday morning. He also created the planet we call earth for us to live on and be good stewards of.

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

MESSENGER

Prayer Requests



Those who are ill:

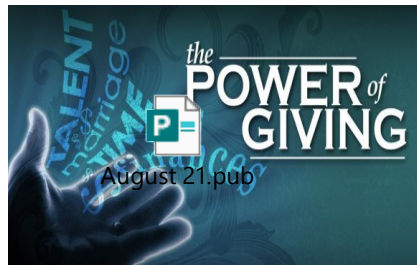
Don Adams, Bob Allen (friend of Pastor and Marilyn Eaves), Pamela Andrews, Gloria Balgeman, Alicia Briskey (acute leukemia), Steve Collins (Linda Butt's son-in-law), Payton Cowan, Harley and Janie Eaves (Pastor Eaves' parents), Marie Gehrke, Sherry Gehrke (for wisdom with farm dealings), Rose Hardwig, 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), Joe Watzlawick (Bobby Watzlawick's father - cancer), and Andrea Zachotina.

Those residing in healthcare centers:

Don & Elaine Adams (Heritage Woods), Dave & Carol Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts (unknown), Walt Claus (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), 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: 70
November 12: 62
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 19

Given by Pastor and Marilyn Eaves, in honor of their grandson Corbin's 5th birthday, November 18h.

Volunteers Needed

Looking for volunteers to make a light supper to be served at 6:30 pm, before each midweek Advent service at 7:30 pm. The supper can be soup or salad and bread. The signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. *Thank you!*

Life Quote - November 19, 2023

"For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!' and falls on its face at Jesus' feet, giving thanks to Christ." Rev. Cody Cooper, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"—*A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life, lutheransforlife.org.*



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

Life Thought - November 19, 2023 - Pentecost XXV (Proper 28A)

Many around us despair because the world pressures them into the violence and fraud (Zephaniah 1:9) of viewing death as a solution to difficulty. In the sanctity of every human life, we have riches to spare (Matthew 25:15). Gospel hope and joy are not just for us to possess. Jesus brings us faith and life to proclaim and put into practice.

Little Saints Preschool Staff Opening

Little Saints Preschool is in need of a part-time early education assistant to Director/Teacher Kristina Kolodziej. They need to be able to start January 2024. Please contact Kristina directly for more details, 847-464-5134.

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.

Seminary Family Christmas Gifts – Remember to 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.

Advent and Christmas Services Themes

During the Advent season, our Sunday morning worship services will have the theme of “The Light of Grace” and our midweek services will have the theme of “God with Us”. Christmas eve services will be a combination of the two and the Christmas Day service will have the theme “The Light of Grace”.

In the series “The Light of Grace,” we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the hymn “Amazing Grace” and that Jesus is the Light of the World Who shines on us with His amazing grace. Through Scripture, song, and reflections, we are reminded that Jesus makes His grace known through the undeserved gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love—gifts revealed in special ways in the lives of Zechariah, Isaiah, Elizabeth, and Mary.

The series “God with Us,” focuses on the ways in which God is with us through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Each week will focus on a different word picture of the coming Christ found in the poetic and prophetic words of Isaiah. Services will reveal how Christ continues to be present with us even now. The theme verse for the entire series is: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us)” (Matthew 1:23 (ESV)) Hymns in the series include “O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” “Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People,” “Once He Came in Blessing,” “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming,” and “Prepare the Royal Highway.” There will be plenty of opportunity to worship and find healing.

Midweek Advent Services

December 6 at 7:30 pm, and 13, and 20
December at 1:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Volunteers and Cookies Needed for

Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus
December 2, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Signup sheets are in the narthex.

Worship Assistants

	Elder	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild
11/19	Jeff Pergande	Nancy Heine	Bette Wine	Sonja Sporleder	Kathy Pergande
11/26	Bob Felbinger	Fern Petersen	Dave & Pam Neisendorf		Kathy Pergande

Birthdays	
11/19	Jessica Milan
11/23	Bart Needham
11/24	Scott McBride
Baptism Anniversaries	
11/24	Julie Buttrum

Lutheran Hour
<p>November 19 "Until that Day" Rev. Dr. Anthony Cook No one knows when Christ will return. Until that day, we live in certain uncertainty.</p> <p>November 26 "Loving Mercy" Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy Will those who do good things be saved? Or, will those who are saved...do good things? Dr. Nadasdy says those who love Christ also love showing mercy to others.</p> <p>Broadcast Stations & Times: Sundays WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am WGSL 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm WKKD 1580 AM, 9:30 am</p>

This Week		
Sunday, 11/19	Worship <i>Fill The Pews</i> Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-18)</i> Congregational Assembly	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday, 11/22	Chapel - Deer Path Thanksgiving Eve Services	10:00 am 1:30 pm, 7:30 pm
11/23 & 11/24	Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed	
11/24	Office Closed	
Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 11/26	Worship Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: Jesus Makes a Beachside Breakfast for His Friends (John 21:1-25)</i> Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Monday, 11/27	Board of Outreach	6:30 pm
Wednesday, 11/29	Chapel - Deer Path Chapel - Little Saints Preschool	10:00 am 11:45 am
Thursday, 11/30	Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Bible Study	11:15 am 1:30 pm
Saturday, 12/2	Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday, 12/3	Worship <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Donut (hosted by the choir) & LWML* Mites Sunday</i> Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: Christmas story beginning/practice</i>	9:00 am 10:00 am

* Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Food Pantry Update / Needs

Applesauce, canned corn, breakfast bars, shampoos, conditioners, men's and women's deodorants, bars of soap, and varieties of canned fruits, beans, cookies, and salad dressings.

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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