

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

43W301 Plank Road, Hampshire, IL, 60140, 847-464-5721

November 26, 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 5

Genesis 1:16 (ESV) says, ¹And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. Psalm 8:1-4 (ESV) says, ¹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Without the moon it would be impossible for us to live on this planet. If anyone ever succeeded in deflecting the moon from its orbit, all life would cease. It acts like a maid to clean up the oceans and the shores. Without the tides created by the moon, our harbors and shores would become one big stench pool of rubbish and it would be impossible to live anywhere near them. Because of the tides, continuous waves break upon the shores of the ocean, aerating the waters of the planet and providing oxygen for plankton, the very foundation of our food chain. Without plankton there would be no oxygen and all life would end. God is a creative genius, isn't He? He made the moon the right size and placed it the right distance from the earth to create the exact atmosphere we need. We live within a great ocean of air - 78 per cent nitrogen, 21 per cent oxygen. These elements are continually mixed by the tidal effect of the moon upon the atmosphere. This has the same effect it has upon the seas and always provides the same proportion of oxygen. Though we keep dumping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, it's absorbed into the ocean and we're able to continue to live. If the atmosphere wasn't as thick as it is, we'd be crushed by billions of pieces of cosmic debris and meteorites that fall continually upon our planet. Who takes good care of you? God! And He's on the job twenty-four hours a day seven days a week! Aren't you glad? **God is** truly majestic.

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:

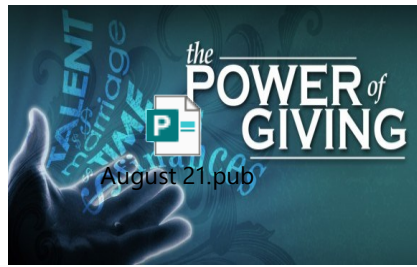
Don Adams, Bob Allen (friend of Pastor and Marilyn Eaves), Pamela Andrews, Gloria Balgeman, Alicia Briskey (acute leukemia), Steve Collins (Linda Butt's son-in-law), Payton Cowan, Marie Gehrke, Sherry Gehrke (for wisdom with farm dealings), Rose Hardwig, Kim Jacobson (Wendy Jacobson's daughter-in-law), 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), Karen Stojan, 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: 54
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 26

Given by the Flatland family, in honor of Jessica and Kurt Milan's birthdays, November 19 & 27, respectively.

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 sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. *Thank you!*

Life Quote - November 26, 2023

"Being for Life is right in line with God's plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don't be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don't stop praying as you ponder your next step. As God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect live and serve God in this special calling." Virginia Flo, Lutherans for Life—*A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life, lutheransforlife.org.*



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

Life Thought - November 26, 2023 - Pentecost XXIV (Proper 29A)

Guilt and grief can devastate those who abort their own children (Matthew 25:37-38). The Lord God longs to relieve their wounds with His forgiveness (Ezekiel 34:16). If Jesus overcomes death for us, He can also subdue it for them (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). May our mouths make the joyful noise (Psalm 95:2) of explicitly applying His atoning grace to every sin!

Little Saints Preschool Staff Opening

Little Saints Preschool is in need of a part-time early education assistant, starting January 2024. Please contact Director Kristina Kolodziej 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.

Advent and Christmas Services Themes

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

A light dinner will be served at 6:30 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
11/26	Bob Felbinger	Fern Petersen	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Kathy Pergande	Kathy Pergande
12/3	Steve Sporleder	Christy Petersen	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier		Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
12/10	Jeff Pergande	Fred Rackow	Beth Jack, Betty Kurtz	Paul Tegtmeier	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
12/17	Bob Felbinger	Nancy Heine	Marilyn Eaves	Heidi Blezien	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
12/24	Steve Sporleder	Fern Petersen	Bette Wine	Ally Mills	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
12/31	Jeff Pergande	Christy Petersen	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Denny Sunderlage	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier

Birthdays	
11/26	Marty Razo
11/27	Kurt Milan Luke Miller Zach Miller
Baptism Anniversary	
11/29	Gina Siena

Lutheran Hour
<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>December 3 "Before They Call" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler SOS and Mayday are distress signals that cry out for rescue. So is "Lord, have mercy!"</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, 11/26	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
Friday, 12/1	Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting at church	1:00 pm
Saturday, 12/2	Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Looking Ahead		
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
Monday, 12/4	Office Closed	
12/4 - 12/8	Pastor will be out of the office <i>Please call him directly on his cell phone, if needed, 701-340-8324</i>	
Wednesday, 12/6	Chapel - Deer Path Dinner Midweek Advent Service	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm

* Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Food Pantry Update / Needs
<p>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.</p> <p>Mail monetary donations to: Burlington/Hampshire Area Food Pantry, P.O. Box 651, Hampshire, IL 60140</p>

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

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