

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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

December 3, 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!*

Working with Difficult People

God used a raven, a bird considered unclean in Jewish culture, to feed the prophet Elijah during a famine. Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem with funds provided by a heathen king. The point is: don't limit God.

Sometimes the people we'd normally shun are the very ones He uses to provide what we need and by shutting them out we forfeit a blessing He has in mind for us. Be careful; your tendency to be picky can end up hurting you! The truth is you can't avoid working with difficult people. God planned it that way. Why? Because He wants you to grow in the midst of negativity without getting sucked into it.

David developed the ability to work with people who were hard to get along with. It doesn't get much harder than working for a boss with an evil spirit! At first David enjoyed King Saul's favor, but after he killed Goliath, Saul sought to kill him. Yet David never changed his strategy. He stayed in Saul's house because he knew his destiny was there. Because of the wisdom he exhibited, he ended up owning the place!

God's principles are timeless. David didn't limit himself and he didn't limit God. He understood that people fall into two categories: Vessels of honor and vessels of dishonor. *2 Timothy 2:20 (ESV)* ²⁰*Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable.* God uses both. Getting his eyes off people and being neither impressed nor depressed by them afforded David great opportunities because he freed others up to be used by God. Learn to get along with difficult people; your greatest challenge today may be the person who assists and blesses you tomorrow.

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, 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

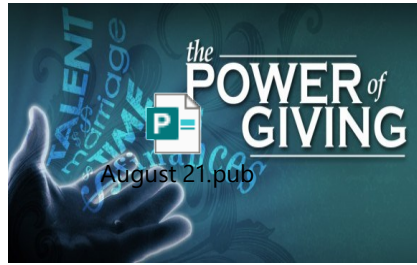
Those residing in healthcare centers:

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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November 22: 32
November 26: 44
December 3:
December 6:
December 10:
December 13:
December 17:
December 20:
December 24:
December 31:

Altar Guild



Altar Flowers are always, first and foremost, given for the glory of God.

December 3

In loving honor of Dave & Pam Neisendorf's wedding anniversary, December 4.
With love from Ava & Gracie

Life Quote - December 3, 2023

"In view of God's display of love in Advent and Christmas, we gladly unite to praise Him.

Christmas brings out that unity as we join with Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels to glorify our Savior as one united family. For this reason, we pray as Paul did, 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.'" *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota—Lutherans for Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life, lutheransforlife.org.*



Life Thought - December 3, 2023 - Advent I

Surprise pregnancy intimidates, and terminal diagnosis terrifies because they darken the future. But Jesus the Savior looks through walls and sees around corners (Mark 11:2-3). He has promised abundant and everlasting life as the one who both secures the ends and supplies the means. God is faithful and will sustain (1 Corinthians 1:9); can we confirm it with our testimony (1 Corinthians 1:6)?

!!! Preschool News !!!

We have an immediate need for a teacher's assistant to join our staff, beginning January 1, 2024. Unfortunately, Danielle, our assistant who was working her way to teacher/director, cannot remain with our program. Therefore we need a teacher's assistant and a teacher/director for the 2025/2026 school year.

If you know of anyone interested in a part-time/mornings-only position, please have them contact Kristina Kolodziej for more details, 847-464-5134. Thank you, Christy Petersen, Board President.

Orphan Grain Train, Inc. 9h · 🌐

Hygiene kits for Maui were recently put together by Sunday school students at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Hampshire, Illinois. Thank you for showing the love of Jesus to many hurting families!

#orphangraintrain
#volunteer
#volunteering
#giveback
#handsandfeetofjesus
@orphntrain



58 2 shares

Food Pantry Update / Needs

In November, we served 36 families (146 people).

Items Needed: canned pastas, canned fruits, canned beans, pancake mixes and syrups, Hamburger Helpers, hand and dishwashing soaps, cookies, cake mixes and frostings, cereals, crackers, bathroom tissues, and bar soaps.

Mail monetary donations to: Burlington/Hampshire Area Food Pantry, P.O. Box 651, Hampshire, IL 60140

Fill the Pews: December 17

Scrip Cards

We're taking scrip card orders for Christmas on December 3rd and 10th. Please speak to a Preschool Board member to take your order. Visa cards are available in \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, and \$500 increments. There is no activation fee for these cards. Walgreen cards are also available for \$25 and \$100.

Cards will be delivered the Sunday *after* you've placed your order.

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.

Worship Assistants

	Elder	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild
12/3	Steve Sporleder	Fred Rackow	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Sandy Dorwaldt	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier
12/10	Jeff Pergande	Christy Petersen	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

12/4	Neil Steffens
12/5	John Blezien
12/6	Carissa Jamrog

Wedding Anniversaries

12/4	Dave & Pam Neisendorf
12/9	Don & Sandy Dorwaldt

Baptism Anniversary

12/6	Andrew Schuring
12/9	Don Dorwaldt

Lutheran Hour

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!"

December 10
 "A-T Walker"
 Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost.

Broadcast Stations & Times:
Sundays
 WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am
 WGSF 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm

Need to Mail a Seminary Family's Gifts

Seminary family Christmas gifts can be mailed to:

Concordia Seminary
 Attn: Katie Nafzger
 801 Seminary Place
 St. Louis, MO 63105

This Week

Sunday, 12/3	Worship - Advent 1 <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 Choir Practice	7:00 pm
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 - 1	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday, 12/10	Worship - Advent 2 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Children's Sunday School <i>Lesson: Christmas story continued/practice</i> Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Monday, 12/11	Altar Guild Meeting Choir Practice	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Wednesday, 12/13	Chapel - Deer Path Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Dinner Midweek Advent Services	10:00 am 11:45 am 6:30 pm 1:30 pm, 7:30 pm
Thursday, 12/14	Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Ladies Aid Potluck Bible Study Elders Meeting	11:15 am 12:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm
Sunday, 12/17	Worship <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Fill the Pews</i> Children's Christmas Program Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am

The Lutheran Church of St. John at 26555 Brickville Road, Sycamore, is hosting a Drive Thru Live Nativity and Chili Supper on December 16th from 4:30-6. Come and see this beautiful depiction of the first Christmas starting from the Old Testament prophecies to the visit from the Wise Men. Then come inside for a warm bowl of chili and other goodies. It's sure to brighten your festive spirit!

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

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