

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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

December 17, 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!*

Start with What You've Been Given

John 6:9 (ESV) says, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

The above comes from the account of Jesus feeding the five thousand. The disciples asked Jesus to send the people away so they could find food to feed themselves as it was late. Jesus responded with, "You feed them." After a search of the crowd, all that was found was five barley loaves and two fish as stated above in John 6:9 (ESV). The disciples probably assumed, as we would, that this proved the people needed to go and find food as there was not enough to feed them. As always, Jesus never responds with the obvious.

Jesus' answer to the disciples and the outcome are found in John 6:11-13 (ESV). ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

Jesus took what was available, gave thanks to the Father for it, fed everyone so that they were satisfied (full), and had the disciples collect the leftovers. There were twelve baskets full of leftovers.

God always gives us something to start with. But we have to look for it, recognize it, put it into His hands, give thanks to the Father, and use it according to God's will. The miracle of multiplication happened when a boy made available to Jesus what God had given to him to be used according to the Father's will.

Zechariah 4:10 (ESV) says, ¹⁰For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. God is saying we need to rejoice in the small things as larger things are being prepared by Him.

Prayer Requests



Those who are ill:

Don Adams, Elaine 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 Hartwig, Evelyn Hertrich, Karen Johnson (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, Joe Watzlawick (Bobby Watzlawick's father-cancer), and Andrea Zachotina

Those residing in healthcare centers:

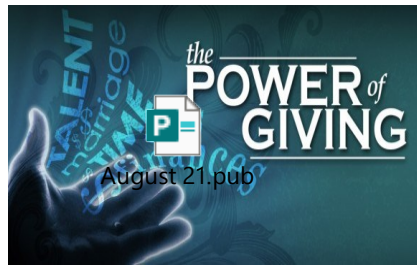
Don & Elaine Adams (Heritage Woods), Dave & Carol Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts (unknown), Walt Claus (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Marie Gehrke (Avondale), Meta Meyer (The Pointe at Eastgate), Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Bill Mikesell (Crescent Care), and the residents at Deer Path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

Those serving in our military:

Aidan Buttrum and Ally Mills

Family and friends mourning the loss of Don Petersen and Bryce Simon

Attendance



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November 22:	32
November 26:	44
December 3:	57
December 6:	20
December 10:	57
December 13:	29
December 17:	
December 20:	
December 24:	
December 31:	

Altar Guild



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

December 17

Given by LeAnn Stuehler to the glory of God.

Life Quote - December 17, 2023

"I don't know what exactly you expect this Christmas. But I can tell you to set your expectations high as you listen to God's Advent call. Listen to His promises. Look in the manger. And you'll find hope and unity now and into eternity." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life, lutheransforlife.org.*



Life Thought - December 17, 2023 - Advent III

Those who believe cannot help but speak. God's love for every human life has filled our mouths with shouts of joy (Psalm 126:2). We have His permission to give voice to this Gospel in all circumstances and without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). Our time has come to bear witness to the Light (John 1:6-7). Confess and do not deny (John 1:20) the sanctity of life!

!!! 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 at 847-464-5134. Thank you, Christy Petersen, Board President.

Don't be afraid to take small steps, just make sure they're steps of faith in Christ that are seeking to fulfill the Father's will and the Holy Spirit will work through you to ensure completion of the Father's task.

Jesus says in Matthew 16:18 (ESV), ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. What did Jesus build the church with? He built it with twelve flawed, sinful people just like us. But when He poured Himself into them, the mix was so concentrated that when two of them got together miraculous things happened. Acts 17:6 (ESV) says, ⁶And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, **"These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also."** The disciples, like Jesus, turned the world upside down with the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You're thinking to yourself, "But I've got so many shortcomings." We all come to the Lord damaged and in need of repair. The good news is the Holy Spirit equips you for every task the Lord has planned for you. You see it's not about us and our talents; it's all about Jesus and the talents He equips us with.

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

Northern Illinois District (NID) Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Mite Goal Update

As of November 30, 2023, the Northern Illinois District LWML has collected \$104,215.22. The mite goal for 2022-2024 is \$160,000.

With your collected mites, \$100,000 has been given to the Journeys Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI. Their mission is to serve God's children ages 8-21 with special needs, such as attention deficit disorder, learning disabilities, and obsessive-compulsive disorder. For 60 years, the school has prepared students to maximize their spiritual, academic, physical, emotional, and social potential, to become successful Christian members of society. Students are able to earn a high school diploma and to participate in meaningful cultural, historical, and spiritual events.



This grant will help to purchase two vans to transport high school students enrolled in the School-to-Work Internship Program and students taking elective classes at nearby Martin Luther High School.

Food Pantry Needs

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

Scrip Cards

This Sunday, December 17, is the last Sunday you can pick up your scrip orders.

Worship Assistants

	Elder	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild
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	
12/17	Philip Stojan
12/18	Susan Warfel
12/19	Millie Winkelmann
12/20	Donna Butts
Wedding Anniversary	
12/23	Mike & Romy McMahon
Baptism Anniversaries	
12/17	Jeff Stuehler
12/18	Dennis Hecker
12/22	Chase Wacker Katie Wacker Mason Wacker

Lutheran Hour	
December 15	"Empty Boxes - A Christmas Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
December 17	"Life After Landing" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler What happens when a passenger suddenly has to be the pilot? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the power of words to save.
Broadcast Stations & Times:	
Sundays	
WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am	
WGSL 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm	
WKKD 1580 AM, 9:30 am	

Thank You!
Thank you to everyone who participated in the giving of gifts to seminary students and their families at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.

This Week		
Sunday, 12/17	Worship - Advent 3 <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i> <i>Fill the Pews</i> Children's Sunday School	9:00 am 10:00 am
Monday, 12/18	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 12/20	Chapel - Deer Path Dinner Midweek Advent Services	10:00 am 6:30 pm 1:30 pm, 7:30 pm
Thursday, 12/21	Little Saints Preschool Christmas Sing (T/Th class) Pinochle Bible Study	10:30 am 1:00 pm 1:30 pm
Friday, 12/22	Little Saints Preschool Christmas Program <i>(Pre-K class)</i>	11:00 am

Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 12/24	Worship - Advent 4, & Children's Christmas Program <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> Worship - The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve) Candlelight Services w/ Communion	9:00 am 1:30 pm, 7:30 pm, & 11:00 pm
12/25/2023 - 1/8/2024	Little Saints Preschool Christmas Break	
Monday, 12/25	Christmas Day Worship w/ Communion Office Closed	9:00 am
Tuesday, 12/26	Office Closed	
Wednesday, 12/27	Chapel - Deer Path	10:00 am
Sunday, 12/31	Worship	9:00 am
Monday, 1/1	New Year's Day Office Closed	
Wednesday, 1/3	Chapel - Deer Path	10:00 am
Thursday, 1/4	Bible Study Elders Meeting	1:30 pm 6:30 pm

Pastor Eaves' Hours and Contact Information
Pastor Eaves tries to take Tuesdays off. Monday and Wednesday through Friday he strives to be in the office 10:30 am until 4:30 pm. It is best to call or text him before coming by the office to ensure that he is available. Pastor Eaves' preference of contact is by text or call at 701-340-8324 and email at pastorflyboy@gmail.com.

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