

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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February 4, 2024

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!*

MESSENGER

Lent – To Give Up or Not To Give Up (repeat from March 13th, 2022)

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and the official color is purple which signifies repentance and sorrow for sin. Lent lasts 40 days with the caveat that Sundays are not counted. The number 40 was chosen as it has great Biblical significance. After Noah and his family entered the ark and God closed the Ark up, it rained for forty days and forty nights. The Israelites were wandering in the wilderness for forty years before reaching the Promised Land, Moses fasted for forty days and forty nights before receiving the Ten Commandments, and Jesus was in the wilderness with no food or water for 40 days before being tempted by Satan.

During Lent many people make a commitment to fasting or giving up something specific as an act of penitence. Penitence is a feeling or action that shows sorrow for having done something wrong. For Christians this translates into feelings or actions that show our sorrow for having sinned against God and others.

While fasting can be a good thing, it is not commanded by God in His Word. If one chooses to fast, it should be done correctly and with the guidance of a doctor. Giving something specific up is even more tenuous.

Many are willing to give up something they don't like or is easy to do without. Others will legitimately give up something significant and then go right back to it once Lent is over. The intent of giving something specific up for Lent is to rid oneself of a sinful habit or lifestyle with the help of the Holy Spirit. It is not a competition to see who can give up the most.

For those who insist on eating fish instead of meat on Fridays during Lent, there is nothing Biblical about this. The closest Biblical connection is that many meals in the Bible, especially those associated with Jesus and His followers, many of which were fishermen, featured fish. Fish was a food staple especially in the New Testament. Wow, what a revelation! For members of the Roman Catholic Church there is a Papal Bull that dictates the eating of fish instead of meat at Lent. What does God say about what we are to eat? Acts 11:4-9 (ESV) says:

⁴Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet

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Prayer Requests



Those who are ill:
Pamela Andrews,

Alicia Briskey (acute leukemia), Steve Collins (Linda Butt's son-in-law), Payton Cowan, Sherry Gehrke (for wisdom with farm dealings), Rose Hartwig, Evelyn Hertrich, Karen Johnson, Ernst Kohn, Daniel Kowalski, Linda Mandell, Paul Mills, Dave Neisendorf, Dan Powell (close friend of Bette Wine's, in recovery after being attacked and shot), Dennis Roush, Robert Schneller (cancer, Marilyn Eaves' cousin), Andy Schuring, Norm Schuring, Shaquita (Nakaila Slaughter's mother), Karen Stojan, Marilyn Thompson, Kathy Voog, Joe Watzlawick (Bobby Watzlawick's father-cancer), Gloria Wine (Bette Wine's sister-in-law, having radiation treatment), and Andrea Zachotina

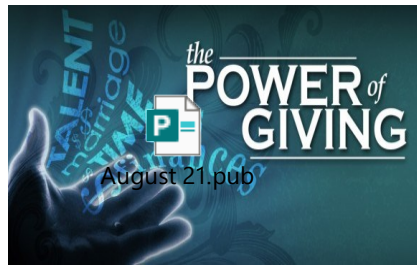
Those residing in healthcare centers: Elaine Adams (Heritage Woods), Dave & Carol Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts (unknown), Walt Claus (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Meta Meyer (The Pointe at Eastgate), Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Bill Mikesell (Crescent Care), and residents at Deer Path Assisted Living

Those serving in our military: Aidan Buttrum, Ally Mills, Steven Schaar (Pastor and Marilyn's son-in-law)

Those who are grieving: Family and friends of Don Adams and Marie Gehrke



Attendance



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January 28: 75
February 4:
February 11:
February 18:
February 25:

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.

Reminder:

Please check your mailboxes and remember to wear your name badge. Thank you.

Lutherans for Life

Life Quote - February 4, 2024

"Please rejoice in knowing prayer works and keep praying for the states who still haven't banned abortions and for those states trying to ward off those who want to bring it back. We are not done praying and never will be. God is on our side, and He has a plan. We need to stand firm and with faith never give up praying. God controls the power of prayer, and He is amazing." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thought - February 4, 2024, Epiphany V

Our Almighty Maker has blessed us with bodies for enjoyment. He has entrusted them to our control (1 Corinthians 9:26-27), but this means more than the mere "my body, my choice" indulgence of appetites. The greater gratification comes from receiving and serving even the least neighbor (1 Corinthians 9:22). Who are we to lie silent about the sanctity of life and thereby withhold the divine invitation to such a delightful discipline?

Altar Guild



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

February 4

Food Pantry Needs

The month of January we served 17 families which included 82 people. Items that are low: Hamburger Helper, cookies, cake mixes, salad dressing (all kinds), kidneys beans, pork & beans, ketchup, hand dishwashing soap, Jello, & puddings. Accepting donations the first Saturday of the month 9-10 am and also the Sunday before the Monday distribution from 10 am to noon at the Pantry 220 Keyes Ave., Hampshire. Monetary donations may be mailed to: Burlington/Hampshire Area Food Pantry, PO Box 651, Hampshire, IL 60140

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being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

⁸"I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

⁹"The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' ¹⁰This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

I believe Holy Scripture is very clear about what we can and cannot eat.

While fasting and giving up specific items is very pious it's not Biblically commanded.

The celebration of Lent is a time to focus on the sacrifices Jesus made for us and His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. This is a time for growing deeper in your relationship to God and your neighbors. Whether you fast, give something up, or spend more time in God's Word and service to others or not, the end result should be in a closer walk with your Savior, Jesus Christ, and the living of a more worthy walk of the life God has called you to lead.

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

Volunteers Needed

Board of Outreach is looking for volunteers to provide and serve a light supper before each midweek Wednesday Lenten service (7:30pm only). Suggestions for supper include, but are not limited to: bread with soup and or salad; sandwiches; sloppy joes; chili; mac and cheese; etc. If you wish, you can bring beverages and or dessert. The signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. Please contact Beth Jack with any questions: 630-702-5897 or elizabethannjack@gmail.com

Care Packages for our College Students and Military

During February, you can help the Board of Outreach collect nonperishable items to send as part of a care package to our college students and military members. Items include, but are not limited to: socks, granola bars, popcorn, nuts, soup, gum, snack items, jerky, breakfast bars, hand sanitizer, trinkets or small toys, etc. We will be sending **eight packages** and will collect items until **Sunday, February 25**. Please contact Beth Jack with any questions: **630-702-5897** or at elizabethannjack@gmail.com.

White Elephant Bingo

Sunday, February 18, after church, Board of Outreach will host a potluck bingo. Potluck will start at 11 am with bingo starting at noon. Bingo will end when we run out of white elephant prizes. Bring a dish to pass and stay for a few rounds of fun bingo. All ages are welcome. Please contact Beth Jack with any questions: **630-702-5897** or at elizabethannjack@gmail.com.

Save the Date!!

Saturday, March 23rd 10 am until noon we will have **FREE** Easter bunny pics and an Easter egg hunt. Please contact Beth Jack with any questions: **630-702-5897** or at elizabethannjack@gmail.com.

Upcoming Board of Outreach Meetings

Board of Outreach meets the 4th **Monday** of each month at 6:30 pm. Additional meetings are occasionally held for planning and preparing for upcoming events. Everyone is welcome to attend and to volunteer time to plan upcoming events at St. Peter's.

Our schedule for 2024:

February 26	March 25	April 22	May 20(due to the holiday)	June 24	July 22
August 26	September 23	October 28	November 25	December 23	

Worship Assistants

	Elder	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild
2/4	Jeff Pergande	Fred Rackow	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Bette Wine	Fred & Linda Rackow
2/11	Bob Felbinger	Nancy Heine	Beth Jack & Betty Kurtz	Jeff Pergande	Fred & Linda Rackow
2/18	Steve Sporleder	Fern Petersen	Marilyn Eaves	Sonja Sporleder	Fred & Linda Rackow
2/25	Jeff Pergande	Christy Petersen	Bette Wine	Paul Tegtmeier	Fred & Linda Rackow

Birthdays	
2/4	Lois Wood
Baptism Anniversaries	
2/4	Elaine Adams
2/8	Ruth Ann Kowalski Jessica Milan

Lutheran Hour

February 4
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
"Nature Abhors a Vacuum"
What fills the heart that has no room to forgive? (Ephesians 4:32)

February 11
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
"What is Evangelism?"
How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about. (Mark 9:7-8)

Broadcast Stations & Times:
Sundays
WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am
WGSL 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm
WKKD 1580 AM, 9:30 am

Lenten Inspiration
9 am-2 pm Saturday, March 2 at Immanuel Belvidere
Come hear Rev. Kris Whitby from the LCMS Northern Illinois District office as we reflect on *Romans 12:10* "Love & Honor One Another" during the Lenten season. We will also be collecting food, sheets, and blankets for Empower Boone. Registration will be coming and breakfast will begin at 8 am.

This Week		
Sunday, 2/4	Worship <i>Donut Sunday (hosted by church officers) & LWML* Mites Sunday</i> Children's Sunday School <i>(Lesson: Philip Tells the Ethiopian About Jesus, Acts 8:26-40)</i> Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Tuesday, 2/6	Dartball, St. Peter's	7:30 pm
Wednesday, 2/7	Chapel - Deer Path	10:00 am
Thursday, 2/8	Bible Study	1:30 pm
Saturday, 2/10	Pew Sisters' Bible Study	10:00 am
Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 2/11	Worship Children's Sunday School <i>(Lesson: Peter Visits Cornelius, Acts 10:1-48)</i> Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Wednesday, 2/14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>	Chapel - Deer Path Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Ash Wednesday Worship Services	10:00 am 11:45 am 1:30 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday, 2/15	Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Pinochle Bible Study Preschool Board Meeting	11:15 am 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm
Sunday, 2/18	Worship <i>Fill The Pews</i> Children's Sunday School <i>(Lesson: Lydia Believes in Jesus, Acts 16:6-15)</i> Potluck White Elephant Bingo	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am Noon
Monday, 2/19	No School - Little Saints Preschool	
Tuesday, 2/20	Dartball, St. Peter's	7:30 pm
Wednesday, 2/21	Chapel - Deer Path Lenten Worship Service Lenten Supper Lenten Worship Service	10:00 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday, 2/22	Bible Study	1:30 pm

* Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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